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TRAILER PARK DAYS ARE NUMBERED



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

SINCE 1987, City Hall in El Cerrito has consisted of four portable trailers connected by a series of stairs and decked walkways. The City Council voted this week to move forward with plans to complete a new City Hall by March of 2008.

Council approves City Hall plan

Construction slated to begin in November, end in March 2008

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito has taken a major step toward building a new City Hall that would replace the collection of trailers that has served as such for nearly two decades.

On Monday, the City Council unanimously approved several actions related to the new City Hall. Council members approved the project plans and specifications, accepted a bid for City Hall construction, and authorized the issuance and sale of no more than \$10 million in lease revenue bonds.

"Let's get the shovels in the ground, the walls built, and for the good of the community complete this 19-year-old project," said Councilman Bill Jones. "And then we can have the pride of El Cerrito carry the day."



EL CERRITO WORKERS will move to new portable offices in November in preparation for the construction of a new City Hall at San Pablo and Manila avenues, which will begin the next month.

According to an estimated timetable included in a staff report, the administrative offices will be moved to new portables on a city-owned lot north of the police station in November.

Construction on the new City

Hall will begin in December and be completed in March of 2008, according to the timetable.

The project includes the largest single construction contract in the city since at least the 1960s, said Public Works Direc-

tor Jerry Bradshaw.

"This is a big deal, and it's more than just dollar signs," he said, adding that the new City Hall will help give the city more of an identity.

Councilwoman Jan Bridges said "it's tasteful, and it's not wasteful."

"I think it's going to serve the staff well, and it's going to serve our public well. It's going to serve our businesses that are interested in coming to El Cerrito and working with us well," Bridges said.

The old City Hall was torn down in 1987 because of concerns over the building's vulnerability in an earthquake.

It was replaced with the current trailers at San Pablo and Manila.

The new, two-story City Hall is expected to include council chambers, an open gathering space at Manila, native plants, and a creek water feature. It will

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ELECTION 2006: EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

Candidates clarify their positions

■ Four running for two open council seats list revenue, capital improvement projects and safety as top priorities

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

This year's El Cerrito City Council election is a race of twos. Two seats. Two incumbents. Two challengers.

Both incumbents decided to seek re-election on Nov. 7, including Mayor Janet Abelson, whose run for a third term is breaking a decades-long tradition of council members seeking only two terms.

Councilwoman Sandi Potter is running for a second term, while two challengers—David Boisvert and Andrew Ting—are hoping to win a seat as well.

The Journal asked the four candidates for their views on issues the city is facing. Here are their e-mailed responses:

Q: What is the main issue in El Cerrito? How do you plan on addressing it?

Sandi Potter: A key issue in El Cerrito is ensuring stable revenue sources to continue to provide residents with high-quality services and facilities that they deserve. I will continue to work to approve a balanced budget that includes reserve funds and retains all staff. I will continue to explore new sources of revenue, expand on existing revenue streams where possible, and to work to fight against state take-aways from local government.

David Boisvert: El Cerrito has experienced record-high home prices, retail sales and utility bills. Although revenues increased by 38 percent over the past three years, El Cerrito needs to fix our failing streets, restore funding to our public spaces, and do a better job to promote safety. I would limit spending to within our means, and use a fraction of the increases to fund infrastructure projects. If we had spent two-thirds of the increases, we would have \$2 million



Abelson



Boisvert



Potter



Ting

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per year to invest in infrastructure.

Andrew Ting: New business owners often hesitate to invest their businesses in El Cerrito due to issues in regards to permitting. Obtaining certain permits in El Cerrito indeed takes much longer than our neighboring cities. The city needs to update its permitting procedure and system to make it less complicated.

Janet Abelson: The most significant issue facing El Cerrito today is projects — replacement of our City Hall, library and senior center, as well as street maintenance. Maintaining normal services such as public safety, recreation, public works and planning while managing

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Montessori school move approved

Council OKs decision planning board to allow Bright Star to relocate

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

Bright Star Montessori School Albany is expected to open at a new location — across the street from Marin Elementary School — on Jan. 3.

The school can now proceed with plans to relocate after the Albany City Council upheld by a 4-2 vote Monday night the Planning and Zoning Commission's approval of the move.

About a dozen speakers addressed the City Council, including parents of Bright Star students who supported the move and parents of Marin Elementary who urged the City Council to deny the project because of safety and traffic concerns.

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"She's like a leprechaun powered with an Eveready battery. She could have retired many years ago, but she continues to minister to the people of the area." — The Rev. Jerry Kennedy, parish pastor at St. Jerome Catholic Church

Nun's faith, devotion have been a lifelong habit

By Chris Treadway
STAFF WRITER

SISTER Christine Hawkins is the genuine article, a nun truly of the old school, Irish brogue and all. Her career has straddled profoundly different eras, from a time when nuns were seen wearing habits to a time when nuns are seldom seen at all.

"She comes from a different time that works magic in the present time," said the Rev. Jerry Kennedy, parish pastor at St. Jerome Catholic Church. "Her hand is not there to wave her finger, it's there to help in any way you need."

Sister Christine has been a central part of life at the El Cerrito church for 11 years, and at age 84 — she turns 85 in December — she shows no signs of slowing down.

A Mass and luncheon were held last week at St. Jerome to celebrate Sister Christine's 60th anniversary of joining the Sisters

BIOGRAPHY

- **NAME:** Sister Christine Hawkins
- **AGE:** 84
- **RESIDENCE:** El Cerrito
- **OCCUPATION:** Nun with the Sisters of the Sacred Order of Jesus and Mary serving at St. Jerome Catholic Church
- **CLAIM TO FAME:** 60 years of dedication to the church and Catholic school education

of the Sacred Order of Jesus and Mary, the order that founded the church in 1955.

"I supposedly came here to retire, and I've never been so busy in my life," she said in an interview in her office at the church. "People say to me, 'Sister Christine, when are you going to retire?' I say the Lord has blessed me with good health. I'll stay active as long as the Lord has blessed me and the children need me."



JOANNA JHANDA/TIMES

SISTER CHRISTINE HAWKINS, at St. Jerome Catholic Church in El Cerrito last week, has dedicated her life to the church and recently celebrated her 60th anniversary of joining her order.

The diminutive nun is up at 6 a.m. most days to direct a variety of tasks, from coordinating the family faith program to readying the church for the daily celebration of Mass and leading

Sunday religion classes for children.

"She's like a leprechaun powered with an Eveready battery," Kennedy said. "She could have retired many years ago, but she

continues to minister to the people of the area. She loves children and has a very engaging way of inviting people to assist us in the work of the church."

Sister Christine also is a tough and honest taskmaster, a skill she honed after more than a decade as a principal at Catholic schools.

"She does take on a lot, but she's also very good at delegating authority," said St. Jerome secretary Mary Davidson. "She'll keep you busy. And she's very thorough at what she does."

Her approach could be described as both irresistible force and immovable object.

"She's energetic and stubborn — in a good way," Davidson said.

All that energy might have been channeled in a much different direction if Christine Hawkins had followed her original ambition — to be a chef.

That was her dream when she

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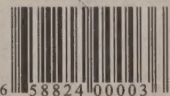


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NEWS/COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Albany

SchoolCARE to spend nearly \$300,000

SchoolCARE has committed to spending nearly \$300,000 to support Albany public schools this school year.

The money is being spent on the elementary schools, the middle school and the high schools, including:

- Math and science and reading specialists as well as library and classroom aides at the elementary schools.
- Extra technology support, library aide time and enrichment programs at Albany Middle School.
- Contributions to the salaries of a career coordinator, a part-time literacy specialist, a part-time math specialist and a part-time student services coordinator as well as funding The Future Leaders Institute and additional support for the 9th Grade Renewal Program at Albany High School.

- Additional counseling at MacGregor High School.

SchoolCARE is a nonprofit organization that raises money to support Albany public schools.

— Justin Hill

Pest Management Task Force to meet

The Albany Integrated Pest Management Task Force is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall.

The task force is expected to discuss the scope of work for the city's integrated pest management consultant, the treatment of weeds along the Buchanan Street medians, and preliminary ideas for the structure and content of the first draft of the city's policy for managing pests on city property.

Public comment on the integrated pest management policy is welcome. Members of the public who cannot attend meetings may send written comments to: Melinda Chinn, director of recreation and community services, at 1240 Marin Ave., Albany CA 94706 or at mchinn@albanyca.org.

City Hall is located at 1000 San Pablo Ave. For information call 510-524-9283.

— Justin Hill

Pencils donated during Red Ribbon Week

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will be receiving red pencils donated by the Albany Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Council next week to help them celebrate Red Ribbon Week.

The mission of the national campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment toward a healthy, drug-free life.

For more information on the campaign, visit <http://cfbstaff.cf-bisd.edu/librarybush/specialty/RRkikicamarena.html>.

For information on the Albany Prevention Council, call Kristina Osborn at 510-527-3815.

— Justin Hill

Kensington

Town hall meeting set for Saturday

The Kensington Improvement Club's annual town hall meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Kensington Community Center.

The Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District interim police chief/general manager Brown Taylor is expected to discuss the current state of the police department and the search for a new chief.

Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley, and Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia are also among the scheduled speakers.

The annual town hall meeting provides a forum in which citizens can meet with local representatives in an informal setting. There will be a question-and-answer session after the speakers' remarks. A meeting of the club membership will precede the speakers.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided, and copies of the club's recent book, "Kensington, Past and Present," will be available for purchase.

The club will also report on the current status of the Gateway Project, a beautification project at the median on Arlington Avenue at Kensington's southern border.

The meeting is free, and all Kensington residents are encouraged to attend. The community center is located at 59 Arlington Ave.

— Justin Hill

Candidates forum scheduled

A candidates forum for the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District race is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 28 at the Kensington Community Center.

The forum is sponsored by the Kensington Property Owners Association and the Kensington Improvement Club.

The audience will be able to ask questions, and coffee will be provided.

Gail Feldman, president of the association, and Linda Lipscomb, a member of the Kensington Improvement Club board of directors, are expected to be moderators.

The community center is located at 59 Arlington Ave.

— Justin Hill

El Cerrito

Cab driver killed near city border

Richmond police are investigating the slaying of a cab driver who was found early Sunday morning slumped over the steering wheel of his car.

Rodeo resident Musharaf Poswal, 48, was found with multiple gunshot wounds just after 6 a.m. on Bayview Avenue at San Pablo Avenue, near the El Cerrito city line about a block from the El Cerrito Police Department.

Police have not yet determined a motive for the shooting, said Lt. Shawn Pickett.

Anyone who has information about the shooting is asked to contact the Richmond police at 510-620-6643 or, to remain anonymous, call 510-232-8477.

— John Geluardi

ELECTION 2006: ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

School candidates focus on improvement

The candidates • three seats

By Angela Hill

MEDIANS

Four candidates, including one incumbent, are running for three seats in November on the Board of Education of Albany Unified School District.

This small district of one high school, one middle school and three elementary schools serves about 3,400 students. It has become increasingly appealing to families because of its solid academic record and small class sizes. But with its popularity have come new challenges and opportunities, such as larger classes and growing diversity in the student body.

The candidates ready to tackle these issues are Jamie Calloway, David Glasser, John Kindle and incumbent Miriam Walden.

Calloway, the mother of a sixth-grader at Albany Middle School, recently earned her law degree and writes for a legal publication at UC Berkeley. She is running a joint campaign with incumbent Walden, and the two have established a campaign committee called Moms United for Albany Schools.

"I'm really concerned with the achievement gap in Albany, which I think is ignored sometimes, but is an ever-present problem," Calloway said. "There's a group of parents who want teachers to move more quickly through the curriculum, and then there are those who want a slower approach. We need to have the teachers involved in this discussion. They're right in the middle of it."

Glasser, 46, also has served on the Ocean View PTA, and on the district's bond oversight committee. Glasser ran unsuccessfully for the school board in 2002, but felt it was worth another try because of his extensive background in public finance, which

No photo available

Jamie Calloway

Age: Declined to say

Education: Recently earned her law degree and is currently studying for a master's of fine arts at Mills College

Background: Ten years working on youth rights and education, including education law and advocacy for foster youths.

Positions: Concerned with the ongoing achievement gap in Albany schools and hopes to see more diversity on the teaching staff.



David Glasser

Age: 46

Education: M.S. in public administration

Background: Worked in public finance for more than 20 years, including five years as finance director for Alameda County and a stint as finance officer for the San Jose Redevelopment Agency. He currently heads the public finance department for Bank of the West.

Positions: Priorities are fiscal responsibility, accountability and increased community input in decision-making.

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John Kindle

Age: 42

Education: Four years of community college, with a concentration in liberal arts.

Background: A past president of Albany's Ocean View PTA and a commissioner in Albany's parks and recreation department serving as a school-board-appointed youth advocate.

Positions: Wants to see more support for Albany's continuation school and additional options for kids who may not be on track for college.



Miriam Walden

Age: 39

Education: B.A. in economics. Currently studying for M.A. in education at Mills College.

Background: Incumbent running for second term on Albany school board. Twenty years experience serving as a nonprofit administrator with various organizations.

Positions: Hopes to improve the relationship between teachers and the district.

he says would be an asset to the district. He heads the public finance department for Bank of the West.

"A few years ago, the district was faced with a financial crisis," he said. "Part of the solution back then was to import students and fill up the classes to the maximum level. Now, the population in the district has gone up and there's an issue of overcrowding. They sacrificed some of the quality of education and programs for some money, but didn't look at the long term."

John Kindle, 42, a past president of Ocean View PTA, is a Berkeley animal control officer

with a son in Albany Middle School. Four years ago, he was appointed by the school board to Albany's parks and recreation commission and continues in that position.

"All in all, I think we have a really great district," he said. "It has been really good at identifying programs for kids who excel and are in advanced programs, but I think there could be improvement in options for kids who are not on track for UC Berkeley."

Incumbent Miriam Walden, 39, is currently the board's vice president and is seeking a second term.

"I feel we have made a lot of

progress in the district," she said. "At the same time, there's still a lot to do. The main reason I ran years ago was that our district just came out of a near-straitjacket. The relationship between the school district and the city's union was one of animosity and not one of collaboration."

"I believe we've improved our relationship. We've implemented a series of contracts based on formula ideas, making raises routine. In the macro picture, it means our teachers' salaries are going up. But teachers just going out are still only making \$40,000 here. So, we still have a way to go."

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

■ **FORGERY**—An Oakland woman was arrested on suspicion of forgery after officers were dispatched to Bank of America, 10422 San Pablo Ave., for a forgery in progress. Bank employees reported the woman was attempting to cash a suspicious check, which officers determined had been stolen from a mailbox earlier in the day in Oakland.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

■ **IDENTITY THEFT**—A manager at Big 5 Sporting Goods, 11080 San Pablo Ave., was arrested on suspicion of embezzlement and identity theft after he allegedly had taken personal information from documents obtained from people in the store to get credit. A search warrant was served on his Richmond home the following day, and additional stolen property and personal information were found, according to police.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

■ **AUTO BURGLARY**—A laptop and change were stolen from a 2000 Mazda MPV on the 5900 block of Jordan Avenue between about 7:30 p.m. and about 8 a.m. the following day.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

■ **BURGLARY**—A rear window of a home on the 3400 block of Belmont Avenue was smashed and the bedroom was ransacked between about 8:30 a.m. and about 3:15 p.m. A camera and jewelry were taken.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12

■ **ROBBERY**—A man was approached near 56th Street and Cypress Avenue by three males, described as black and 16 to 18 years old, who demanded his money about 9:05 p.m. The man relinquished a money clip, and the males left on foot toward Potrero Avenue. The males were also described as wearing dark

clothing and having short hair.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13

■ **BURGLARY**—Jay Vee Liquors, 10560 San Pablo Ave., was burglarized about 2:45 a.m. when it was entered through a roof hatch after a hole into the store was sawed just above the alarm box and the wires to the alarm were cut. A laptop computer, high-end liquor and cash from an ATM that had been pried open were stolen.

■ **ROBBERY**—A man was approached by four males, described as black, 17 to 18 years old and wearing all black clothing, on Knott Avenue near the Ohlone Greenway about 10:15 p.m. The man turned over his wallet after he was punched in the head. The man waited 45 minutes before reporting the incident.

■ **ROBBERY**—Three people were robbed about 10:30 p.m. when they were approached on the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue by two males,

described as black, 18 to 20 years old and wearing black clothing. One of the males pointed a handgun at three people and demanded money. The trio was searched, and cash taken. The robbery was reported three days later after two of the people had gone home to Canada.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT**—1990 Honda Accord was stolen from the 800 block of Lexington Avenue between about 9 p.m. and about a.m. the following day.

SUNDAY, OCT. 19

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT**—1997 Acura Integra was stolen from the 6600 block of Cutting Boulevard between about midnight and 9 a.m. It was found unoccupied running at 28th Street and Madison Avenue in Richmond later that day.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

MONDAY, OCT. 9

■ **DUI**—Shortly before midnight officers stopped a red- and silver-colored 1992 Chevrolet on San Pablo Avenue near Fairmont Street for speeding. They arrested the driver, a 49-year-old San Pablo man, for DUI when he failed the field sobriety test.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

■ **HONDA RECOVERED**—Officers located a black 1994 Honda Civic on the 600 block of Pierce Street that had been reported as stolen. The car was towed; owner was notified.

■ **HONDA STOLEN**—At about 4 p.m. someone stole a gray 1995 Honda Civic parked on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue. It belonged to a pizza restaurant employee who had left the keys in the ignition.

■ **FOOD THIEF**—An employee of the Safeway store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue called at about 8

p.m. to report that someone had put shrimp, meat and possibly liquor items in a gray back pack and left the store. The suspect was described as a black man, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, thin build, with short dark hair, wearing a black sweatshirt and dark baggy pants. He was last seen walking south on Curtis Street toward Marin Avenue, and was gone when officers arrived.

■ **DUI**—Officers stopped a white 2006 Hyundai on the 500 block of Shattuck Avenue for a vehicle code violation at about 10:15 p.m. They arrested the driver, a 39-year-old Albany man, for DUI.

■ **ACURA STOLEN**—A silver 1999 Acura Integra parked in a driveway on the 400 block of Talbot Avenue was stolen around 10:30 p.m. There were no witnesses.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

■ **HONDA STOLEN**—During the

night someone stole a white 1988 Honda Civic parked on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue. There were no witnesses.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13

■ **DUI**—Officers arrested a 53-year-old transient man driving a white 1983 Ford van near San Pablo and Portland avenues for DUI and resisting arrest.

■ **BABY STROLLER STOLEN**—

During the night, someone stole a dark gray "McLaren" baby stroller from a front porch on the 700 block of Kains Avenue.

■ **DOUBLE ARREST**—At about a.m., officers received a call from bank on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue that two men were causing a disturbance and attempting to cash forged checks. They arrested both

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Neighbors

Counselors help cope with pain of pet deaths

IS THERE ANYONE more aptly named than Jill Goodfriend? She's a registered nurse and licensed clinical social worker who serves as the disaster mental health coordinator for the American Red Cross' Alameda County chapter.

Once a month, she and her colleague, the Rev. Roy Gesley, grief counselor at Kaiser Hospital, lead a pet loss support group at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

"They're doing the work of the angels, because our society doesn't know how to deal with people who are mourning their pets."

If your brother or sister dies, your friends and co-workers will shower you with sympathy, show up on your front porch with casseroles, and ask whether there's anything more they can do.

But if your dog dies, they're more likely to say, "You can always get another dog" — as if

you're supposed to be a comedian. On Tuesday I dropped in on this month's support group. Jon was grieving for his cat, Marge. Terry was mourning "my best friend," her cat, Marge.

And Richard couldn't talk about his cat, Bufford, without weeping. And even though he's been dead for five months, Andrea lost her little dog Maggie, she still hurts like it was yesterday.

"When is this pain ever going to stop?" she asked. "You'll never stop feeling sad about your loss," said Gesley. "But you can learn to hold it, grow around it, and live with it."

Goodfriend thinks losing a pet can actually hurt worse than losing a human loved one. "It's devastating to come home and the apartment is empty, especially if you're a single person. You've got the kitty litter, the toys, the uneaten food, the bowls of water, the hair, the pawprints in the tub — and it's all so silent. You're left with a hole in your heart and soul, not the void in your home."

She and Gesley want grieving pet owners to know that it's OK to feel sad.

"The closest human analogy is losing a child," she said. "Animals and children have a lot in common. They're small, vulner-



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

able and dependent on us."

But that's the problem: The price we pay for the gift of unconditional love they give us is that their life spans are shorter than ours. They trust us to protect them. But when the stakes are highest, we can't.

And the guilt can be unbearable.

"Only God can create perfection," said Goodfriend. "You have to accept that you're not God."

She and Gesley offer a few tips on how to get through the grieving process:

■ Grief is physically stressful; so get lots of rest and exercise, watch your diet, and don't use drugs or alcohol to numb the pain.

■ Reach out to people who "get it" and stay away from people who don't.

■ You're more shook up than you realize, so try to avoid making any life-changing decisions for the next few months.

■ Don't try to make it on your own. Find somebody to talk to.

"You can also honor your pet by doing the things your pet gave you for others," said Goodfriend. "If your pet was loyal, you can become loyal to a friend. If your pet gave you trust, try to be more trusting of others."

The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society's pet loss support group meets the third Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 2700 9th St. For more information, call 510-845-7735.

The Oakland-East Bay SPCA holds a support group the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 8323 Baldwin St. For information, call 510-569-0702.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

PET OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 2-year-old white/brown female whippet/Jack Russell terrier mix; 1-year-old female brown and white American pit bull terrier; 4-year-old black/tan female rottweiler mix; 2-year-old tan female cocker spaniel; 2-year-old female border collie mix; 2-year-old black/white female border collie mix; 10-month-old black/white female border collie mix.

Cats: 1-year-old male brown tabby domestic short hair (DSH); 1-year-old female orange/black calico DSH; 5-year-old female gray/white domestic medium hair (DMH); 5-year-old female gray DMH; 5-year-old male black/white DSH; 5-year-old male brown tabby Norwegian forest mix; 3-year-old female brown tabby DSH; 7-year-old male black/white DSH; 1-year-old male black DSH; adult male gray DSH; 4-year-old male orange tabby DSH; 5-year-old male black/white DMH; 7-year-old male black/white DMH; long hair (DLH); 4-year-old female tortoiseshell DSH; 5-year-old female black/white DSH; 5-year-old male gray/white DSH; 5-year-old male black/white DLH; 5-year-old female tortie DSH; 6-year-old female brown tabby DSH.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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IMAN is a white whippet and Jack Russell terrier mix with a few brown highlights, and may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. She is almost 2 years old. IMAN is a bit shy at first but she warms up quickly to new friends. She would prefer to be in a fairly quiet household, and can live with a cat. For information about IMAN or other animals available for adoption, call or visit the Humane Society's Adoption Center.

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JOANNA JHANDASTAFF

Banding together

THE ANNUAL Kensington Community Council Fall Parade makes its way along Arlington Avenue in Kensington on Sunday. The Gaucho marching band from El Cerrito High was part of the procession. The event also included a book sale by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

Guest writers extol virtues of real books

"Books that you may carry to the fire and hold readily in your hand, are the most useful after all."

— Samuel Johnson, 1709-1784

SINCE I WAS going to be on vacation, I asked two of my daughters — Katie (who lives in Somerville, Mass.) and Rae Ann (who has just returned from Burlington, Vt.) to co-write this week's column. Here it is:

Our mother worked as a jail librarian for six years, and when we were little, we loved to go to the El Cerrito recycling center with her to collect magazines for the inmates. If the dumpster was not heaped too high, she would help us climb the sides, and then we would jump down on top of the slippery heap of magazines.

We had memorized the hierarchy of titles, anything involving cars, books or people being especially prized. "Reader's Digest" and "Sports Illustrated" were like gold.

Exploring the dumpster, our feet sliding around as we sifted through those magazines, it was as if we were alone — we could see nothing of the out-



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

side world but the tops of buildings, the trees and sky — and yet, we were not alone. The magazines were there with us, waiting patiently and agreeably. It is a familiar feeling — the feeling of being in a library.

A library is a place for people to interact with books. Of course, it has many other important functions in the community, but the greatest thing is that you are guaranteed privacy and a book. Like trusted friends, books are both stable and dynamic. You can return to one after years and find the cover unchanged, every word inside just as it was left.

And when that book is first reopened, the familiar smell of glue or ink re-emerges and any original impressions come back. Along with these are new associations, and new smashed

bugs, and someone else's coffee stains, and their forgotten, cryptic notes on scraps of paper. These things are part of the book's evolution as an object, and the process goes both ways: After we read it, parts of the book will likely become welded to our personalities, and neither the book nor we will ever be the same.

Lately, there has been a lot of talk about digital books — basically a type of file that can be downloaded onto a handheld device that looks roughly like a book — much like an MP3 player. Like books, the files are bought, sold and exchanged. Many people believe these will eventually replace books altogether. While scanning books and storing them digitally is a good idea, a digital book could never equal the thick or thin stacks of bound paper we now carry around.

Like a human being, a book has a personality that does not change except by its interactions with other people. This kind of near-human interactivity and tangibility allows it to transcend both information and entertainment, and it allows us the feeling of greeting an old

friend. At the assisted living home where I (Rae Ann) work, I met a lady named Susan who loves books and always has them scattered over her bed and chair and lap, though she can't remember from one minute to the next what book she's holding. But that's the fun part, because that means she gets to discover each book over and over again.

One day, she turns one over to see its cover and exclaims, "Oh, I love Walt Whitman. Where did I get this?" It's from her daughter — it's written inside the front cover. I read the inscription to her. "Oh, Nora did? My peach plum. I'd like to read that."

She falls asleep again, the book open in her lap, until I come in again to give her eye drops. "Thanks, bebbie," she says to me. "My eyes get very dry, because I'm always reading."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@ac-library.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17. Read past columns at www.juliewinkelstein.com

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

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■ The library presents story times in English and Spanish for babies, toddlers and preschoolers on Saturdays through Dec. 9 (except Nov. 25). This 30-minute drop-in program will include stories, songs and rhymes in both languages.

■ Adult sing-alongs led by Dale Allen Boland will be held at 3 p.m. Nov. 12 and Dec. 17. Weekly sing-alongs with Boland are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. The sessions are free and for all ages. No registration required.

■ Lisa Harris, director of the "Reading for Life" program of the Alameda County Library, will be the guest speaker at the Brown Bag Speakers Forum at 12:30 p.m. on Monday. The "Reading for Life" program, which has been running since 1989, provides one-on-one tutoring for incarcerated adult learners.

■ The library offers free drop-in homework help for students in third through fifth grades. The Homework Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays (except county holidays) from 3 to 5 p.m. Emphasis is placed on math and writing skills. No registration is required.

■ Readers with the Great Books Discussion club meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. to discuss selected books on this year's

theme of "Parent and Child." The October book is "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams; the November book is "The Judgment" by Franz Kafka. Drop-ins are welcome.

■ Join the city of Albany, the Albany Library and the Albany Unified School District in the first Albany Reads program. Copies of this year's book, "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, are available at the library through November. On Wednesday, the film "Osama" will be shown followed by a discussion led by Elsie De Laere and Marianne Grady from 7

to 9 p.m. at the community center. The final event from 2 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the community center will feature Humaira Ghizal and Elsie De Laere of Afghan Friends.

■ Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Work on your own project or make pet blankets and children's hats for victims of recent disasters. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No registration is necessary.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

GUEST COMMENTARY

Wanted: Balance on Albany City Council

By Preston Jordan

WE ARE FACED with a stark choice of candidates for the two open Albany City Council seats this election. To broadly characterize, Marge Atkinson and Joanne Wile are running for those that want no development on the waterfront now in the hopes of acquiring most of the land for parks later. Caryl O'Keefe and Francesco Papalia are running for those that want development on the waterfront sooner rather than later to prevent new parcel taxes.

Sadly, as there are four candidates and we each get two votes, if either group can turn out a bare majority, it will fill both open seats. If Ms. Atkinson and Ms. Wile are elected, they can be expected to form a majority with Councilman Robert Lieber. If Ms. O'Keefe and Mr. Papalia are elected, they can be expected to form a majority with Councilwoman Okawachi.

I say these prospects are sad because neither result will create a representative City Council. We could end up with little debate in our local legislature, while we continue to have significant debate in the community. What could be less representative?

Clearly it would be more representative for each constituency to fill one council seat. The groups' representatives would debate each other to find a way forward. Debating the issues at City Hall would avert some of the initiatives and lawsuits outside City Hall.

Albany moderates can make this happen. If we vote for the same two candidates, one from each side, we can bring balance to the City Council.

I propose we vote for Ms. Atkinson and Ms. O'Keefe. They each were officers of the opposing waterfront organizations in Albany. Ms. Atkinson was co-chair of Citizens for the Albany Shoreline, and Ms. O'Keefe was secretary of the Albany Waterfront Coalition.

Additionally, Ms. Atkinson is vice president of the Albany Teachers' Association, and has been president of the Albany High School Site Council. Ms. O'Keefe is an officer of the Friends of the Albany Library, and is a member of the Albany Library Board.

Beyond the basic goal of creating a representative City Hall, a vote for a candidate from each side recognizes that both sides have worthy goals. One side desires the creation of more waterfront park space in the context of the Eastshore State Park. The other side desires the creation of additional city revenue in the context of increased funding needs.

Our vote can encourage them to find the right balance for Albany.

While Preston Jordan is chair of the City of Albany's Waterfront Committee, he expresses the views above solely in his capacity as a citizen. He can be reached at albanysbalance@yahoo.org. The Journal welcomes guest commentary submissions. E-mail journals@octimes.com or call 510-262-2724.

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Now my grandson knows every player's free agency date and each one's incentive clauses.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Karl Rove in Albany?

Karl Rove and Wal-Mart have come to Albany — in the person(s) of the attackers of Marge Atkinson, Joanne Wile, Sierra Club, et al. Attack the opposition's strengths and only we really care about your community.

The Sierra Club and former mayor Robert Cheasty are outsiders and Magna and Caruso are the good community members who have our best interest at heart.

Going to the voters to advise in the effort is usurpation of the community process, while developers' profits and favorable zoning are what should be looked upon positively — because, after all, won't the benefit trickle down to us. Won't it?

Stephen Vernon
Albany

Vote for Atkinson and Wile

Recently, Peter Tunney, president of Golden Gate Fields, wrote a letter to the citizens of Albany. I would like to reply.

Because the letter attacks two City Council candidates, I believe it constitutes an illegal corporate contribution to the other candidates.

Tunney asserts that Magna Entertainment Corp. is not proposing a casino in Albany. While technically true, Magna has recently funded initiatives and pushed legislation to legalize racetrack-casinos in California, and has installed casinos in its racetracks, where legal.

If the track is not closing, despite its long-term woes, then we do not need replacement revenue to maintain our current city services.

Tunney's letter states that Golden Gate Fields has worked "for several years" to complete the Bay Trail. I see no trail, and I must conclude they are holding completion of the Bay Trail hostage to their commercial plans.

As I understand it, Marge Atkinson and Joanne Wile speak of planning for the shoreline, a municipal zoning process, and do include input from the landowner. Whether Golden Gate Fields stays or not, the main issue is the possibility of massive development on the waterfront.

I urge Albany voters not to be taken in by half-truths promulgated by a corporation with mega-millions of dollars at stake. Vote for Atkinson and Wile.

Sarita Mathiasen
Albany

Reactions to candidates' forum

I recently watched the League of Women Voters candidates' forum, and had a couple of reactions I'd like to share.

One of the distinct difference between the two sets of candidates is that Francesco Papalia and Caryl O'Keefe view balancing the Albany budget is critical, and should be done primarily with funds generated from strong economic activity within the city.

The Joanne Wile and Marge Atkinson team appears to take the city's financial health more for granted, and talks a lot about outside money.

Outside money (grants, loans, state funds, etc.) always comes with strings. I think working for an Albany that can stand on its own two feet financially is the better course.

With O'Keefe and Papalia, it's clear Albany comes first. I'm betting they will attend to the challenges facing the city

in a balanced manner, and do it with energy and conviction.

With the opposition, Albany seems to represent merely a piece in the bigger puzzle of the Eastshore State Park, which is clearly their first priority. If Albany were situated in a location with no shoreline, would Atkinson and Wile even be running for the council?

Norman La Force's comments in The Journal about the struck-down initiative seem disingenuous. The Sierra club environmental law program, with a paid staff of 14 attorneys (according to its Web site), is located in San Francisco. They are undoubtedly busy, but surely a quick telephone call with a question such as, "The law says we need to publish in Alameda County. Do you think we really ought to do that?" should have been possible.

Call or no call, if the initiative managers had simply read and followed instructions, they would have come out just fine. They had no reason not to do it correctly; surely, there were no "big corporation lawyers" around at that point advising them, "No, no, you don't have to."

Mac McCurdy
Albany

Hold onto your wallets

Democracy in Albany depends on a well-informed citizenry. Unfortunately, you fell down on the job in reporting the state of Albany's finances in the Oct. 6 Journal.

Your reporter wrote that the 2005-06 budget has a surplus of \$219,405. Half true! This surplus depended on two unplanned, one-time events:

■ Several desperately needed fire and police vacancies were not filled this year. If they had been, salaries and benefits would have cost \$555,000, according to city staff members.

■ After two of our firefighters volunteered to help out with the Katrina aftermath (thanks again to them), the city was reimbursed \$102,000 for their services.

Thus, if we had filled the fire and police vacancies (which is a stated City Council goal) and Katrina hadn't happened, the Albany city budget would have had a deficit of \$437,595.

According to the city's finance director, Charles Adams, the city is "sitting on a sound financial basis." So balancing our city budget now depends on serendipitous one-time events?

Hold onto your wallets, folks: I see yet another tax increase around the corner!

Iris Stallworth-Grayling
Albany

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Vote for Janet Abelson

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It is not a responsibility everyone wishes to have. The job requires study, knowledge, loyalty and very careful decisions.

While other cities have economic problems, El Cerrito is prospering because we have one of the best-managed cities in the Bay Area. Our streets are constantly getting repaved. We have increased security and fire protection. Our part of San Pablo Avenue has become charming.

We have the modern and exciting El Cerrito Plaza and a very popular swim center. The creeks, the parks, the Cerrito Theater and, very soon, our new City Hall make our city a desirable place in which to live.

It is clear to see where we were before and what we have become now. For that reason, I thank council member Janet Abelson for all her determined hard work and loyal leadership. The combination of ideas of Abelson and council member Sandi Potter are a gift to El Cerrito. We are grateful, and we value their talents.

If Janet Abelson ran 1,000 times and we lived that long, I would vote for her every time. I urge your vote for Abelson.

Harry Saridis
El Cerrito

Unethical behavior

In one week, Albany City Council candidate Joanne Wile went from "I offer no excuse" for stealing an opponent's campaign fliers from doorsteps and replacing them with her own, to offering the excuse of having been angered by an assertion in the flier.

Wile thus makes clear she thinks it right — and voters should think it right — that her anger over an opponent's view justifies her censorship of it. In so doing, she also makes clear she is unworthy of public trust. She should withdraw from the election.

Wile's unethical behavior is indicative of waterfront politics. She and her colleagues claim they are open to the democratic process but are in fact opposed to it.

A bogus and shadily funded poll is produced to demonstrate that Albany has already made up its mind. An initiative stacking the deck with hand-picked planners is circulated. Self-appointed Davids drive up the cost of local elections and smear their opponents as Goliath mall supporters.

A candidates' forum is claimed to be committed to "transparent, responsive government," but its hosts have no credible claim of impartiality. And nationwide, the Sierra Club endorses political candidates who are vehemently opposed to gun control, sacrificing the lives of inner-city children and other innocents in order to cut public land deals. On and on it goes.

The zealotry of Wile and her endorses — the Sierra Club, Citizens for East Shore Parks, Citizens for the Albany Shoreline, and Sustainable Albany — can be viewed by those with Internet access at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SaveOurShoreline/>.

One recent posting there exhorts Wile and Atkinson supporters with the phrase, "Onward Shoreline Soldiers." I find the words well chosen. Nothing so reminding me of their view of life in Albany as does a militant theocracy.

Paul Klein
Albany

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Letters

FROM PAGE 4

Unbelievable decision

I can't believe Albany's Planning Commission decided to allow a private business, Bright Star, to operate with no on-site parking spaces, when the zoning ordinance requires nine spaces (Journal, Oct. 6).

This will worsen a dangerous situation near Marin Elementary School. Marin and Santa Fe avenues are busy, high-speed streets (in spite of the posted speed limits). This area is heavily congested, and there are frequent traffic accidents.

Because Bright Star will not provide on-site parking spaces, employees and customers will be parking in front of the neighboring homes. Traffic will increase as parents circle the block looking for the increasingly rare parking space. This may force some to double park, use driveways, or to let their children out in the street, causing additional dangers.

The loss of street parking will force the neighbors to move off the back out of their driveways to clear the traffic on Marin and Santa Fe. This also will create an unsafe environment for our children (always hard for parents to see because of their eyes) walking to and from school.

Glen Elder
Albany

Response to letter

In a recent letter to The Journal, four members of Sustainable Albany expressed regret that council candidates Francesco Papalia and Caryl O'Keefe declined to participate in

the recent candidates' forum sponsored by that group, citing reservations about that group's objectivity.

No kidding! For starters, the moderator of the event had already endorsed two of the candidates, and one of the opposing candidates is a member of Sustainable Albany's steering committee. Hardly a neutral forum!

And whom do they allow as members? Not me, a LEED-certified architect with more than 30 years experience in sustainable design.

According to the rejection letter I received, "Members of groups that support or actively work for goals that are in direct conflict with any aspect of Sustainable Albany's mission statement, endorsements, or activities are not eligible for membership ..."

Is any group that cannot tolerate differing points of view likely to be objective? And how do they reconcile this position with one of the key parts of their mission statement: "promoting respectful, collaborative decision making at all levels?" Collaborating with whom — only those who agree with them?

Let's all be grateful for organizations such as the League of Women Voters who really do know how to sponsor objective forums and make a practice of not endorsing candidates.

Howard McNenny
McNenny

Vote 'yes' on Measure C

I urge all Albany citizens to vote "yes" on Measure C.

This very important measure will provide the necessary funds to establish a much-needed upgraded Emergency Operations Center. Our current EOC is inadequate and quite outdated.

In this age of stepped-up dis-

aster preparedness, Albany's existing facilities fall way short in providing our public safety personnel with modern equipment and training necessary in being prepared for any sort of disaster, large or small.

Having been a professional disaster preparedness coordinator for many years, I can profess, in all sincerity, that this is not a frivolous endeavor but one that will play a major roll in providing our public safety staff with the necessary tools to protect the citizens of Albany.

Jack Rosano
Albany

Rosano is a retired fire department administrator.

Voting for Papalia and O'Keefe

I wish to make a few observations on the upcoming election for Albany City Council.

First, though, my background: In 1985, I was one of the founders of Citizens for the Albany Shoreline and was part of the group that worked on creating Measure C. In 1990, the measure was voted in. It gave Albany citizens the right to vote regarding any major changes to the waterfront. Prior to that, only the five members of the City Council could have allowed such changes.

During the time I was involved in these activities, my goals were Albany's financial health and the establishment of as large a park as possible on the waterfront.

I do not believe the limited development projected by Marge Atkinson and Joanne Wile would be sufficient for Albany's financial well-being, but I do believe the removal of the racetrack is a fiscally reckless goal.

Such a removal would cut off income from the track, for at the very minimum, a period of five years, and realistically probably

another five years, during which a full EIR and CEQA review would have to be performed, a vote of approval by Albany voters per Measure C would have to be obtained, and at least two years for construction. We are really looking at \$7.5 million to \$15 million in lost revenue during that period.

On Nov. 7, I will vote for Francesco Papalia and Caryl O'Keefe, whose positions regarding the waterfront and Albany's financial health are reasonable, doable and desirable.

Richard Di Grazia
Albany

Atkinson and Wile are clear choices

While the Sierra Club would be honored to take credit for Albany council candidates Marge Atkinson and Joanne Wile, there is much more to be said. (Guest commentary, "Sierra Club candidates need to show specifics," Oct. 13.)

Atkinson and Wile are endorsed by every major Democratic leader, including Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Assemblywoman Loni Hancock. They have nearly every organizational endorsement, including the local and state Democratic Party.

They are accomplished, independent women with positions and interests beyond the shoreline (of course, a major concern for Albany residents).

As to the conceptual plan for Albany's shoreline endorsed by every major regional environmental organization: what part of "conceptual" doesn't the writer understand?

Citizen activists created an environmental alternative to massive, destructive development — even consulting real estate and economic specialists. Still, we all know additional economic, environmental and other

studies are needed to develop a final plan for the shoreline.

Sierra Club is dedicated to helping create a plan that benefits not only the shoreline environment but also the health and welfare of Albany as a whole, especially its existing businesses and wonderful schools.

Albany voters have a clear choice on Nov. 7: Atkinson and Wile for City Council.

Mike Daley
San Pablo

Daley is the conservation director of Sierra Club, San Francisco Bay Chapter.

Register and vote

We at the League of Women Voters join you in encouraging your readers to register by Tuesday and to vote.

The Clean Money Initiative, Proposition 89, alone is worth a trip to the polls. A candidate without access to rich corporate donors and no private wealth could get on the ballot and run a successful campaign, just by getting \$5 contributions from enough voters.

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Jinky Gardner
Berkeley

Gardner is president of the League of Women Voters, Berkeley-Albany-Emeryville.

Questions for candidates

Two Sierra Club-supported candidates for the Albany City Council, Joanne Wile and Marge Atkinson, are claiming in their literature that they would like to keep Albany's "small town character" and "quality of life," and have actively opposed recent waterfront redevelopment proposals.

Does "small town character" mean essentially walking in lockstep with the Sierra Club, regardless of fiscal consequences? Does it mean Albany can't plan development for maximum enjoyment of the community and least harm to the surrounding creeks and wildlife?

Does "small town character" mean not improving the city, and not doing anything to alleviate the tax burden on struggling Albany businesses?

Redevelopment of the waterfront would surely be a boon for Albany's tax base, which would in turn help the schools and fix the streets. Is this without character?

I grew up in Albany and still care a great deal about the future of the community. I think "small town character" can be synonymous with a prosperous, vibrant and fiscally healthy town, too.

Katie McNenny
Berkeley

Police

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Richmond men, ages 41 and 52, for robbery, burglary and possession of a firearm. The older man was charged with a parole violation.

ROBBERY — At about 9 p.m., Albany police called to report that a group of five to six mixed-race juveniles had been acting suspiciously causing a disturbance near the 11 tracks. The group appeared to be headed toward the Masonic and

Dartmouth area. A few minutes later Albany officers contacted a person near Masonic Avenue and Dartmouth Street who had been the victim of a strong-arm robbery involving a group of four to six black male juveniles about 14 to 16 years old. They were last seen going north on Masonic, and were gone when the officer arrived.

DUI — At about 11:30 p.m., officers stopped a blue 1991 GMC Jimmy on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue when a bar reported that a man was leaving after a domestic argument. The driver, a 36-year-old

Richmond man, was found to be intoxicated, and was arrested for DUI.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

DRUG POSSESSION — At about 2 a.m. officers stopped a black 1987 Volkswagen on the 1000 block of Solano Avenue for reckless driving. The driver, a 24-year-old Oakland man, was found to be in possession of marijuana, and was arrested.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15

LOADED FIREARM — At about 2 a.m. officers stopped a blue Oldsmobile on San Pablo Avenue near Cen-

tral Avenue for expired registration. The driver, a 34-year-old San Francisco man, was arrested for parole violations and being a felon in possession of a loaded firearm.

FOOD THIEF — At about 5 a.m. an employee of the Safeway store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that a person described as a black man about 30 years old, wearing blue jeans and a black jacket, had just stolen meat. He was last seen heading toward Marin Avenue in

a gray 1995 Honda Civic with another black male. The Honda was found to have been reported as stolen from Albany, and was gone when officers arrived.

AUTO BREAK-IN — During the night someone stole items from an unlocked black BMW and another car parked in front of a residence on the 500 block of Cornell Avenue. There were no witnesses.

MONDAY, OCT. 16

AUTO BREAK-IN — A white 1995 Honda Civic on the 1100 block of Curtis Street was broken into during the night.

VANDALISM — Someone cut a large section of chain link fence on the upper east end field at St. Mary's High School on the 1500 block of Posen Street. There were no witnesses.

— Kristina Osborn

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MEETINGS

- **El Cerrito Toastmasters** — "Fright Night" Open House, 7:30-9 p.m. Oct. 26. Fun activities help overcome terrors of public speaking. Learn how club functions, listen to lively and informative talks, give impromptu speeches. Refreshments. Club meets second and fourth and fifth Thursdays monthly. City Council Chamber, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. Free. Details: Peggy, phrstar@earthlink.net; www.toastmasters-elcerrito.org.
- **El Cerrito Historical Society** — meeting, 2 p.m. Oct. 29. Discussion

topic: historic preservation. Short film screening filmed at Oishi/Sakai Japanese nursery property in Richmond. El Cerrito Senior Center, 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. All are welcome. Refreshments. Details: Tom, 510-526-7507.

■ **El Cerrito Art Association** — 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13. Marin County artist Ben Farham gives watercolor technique demonstration. All are welcome. Garden Room, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Free. Details: 510-526-9564.

OUTDOORS

■ **Help Friends of Five Creeks** — Cerrito Creek restoration, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Oct. 21. Volunteers control erosion and plant native plants. Wear clothes that can get dirty and shoes with good traction. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at Creekside Park, south end of Santa Clara Street, El Cerrito. Details: 510-848-9358, fcreeks@aol.com, www.fivecreeks.org.

LEARNING

■ **El Cerrito Workshop Series** — "Bay

Friendly Gardening for Wildlife," 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 21. "Gardening for Creekside Residents," 7-9 p.m. Oct. 25. "Bay-Friendly Gardening to Manage Pests Naturally," 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 4. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Free. Register: 510-665-3546 or www.thewatershedproject.org.

■ **Alameda County Leadership Academy** — interactive forum of classes, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 17, Feb. 7, March 7. For county residents interested in learning first hand about Alameda County while developing leadership and communication skills. Application deadline: Oct. 13. Details: 510-272-6984 or www.acgov.org.

■ **A Cheerful Noyse** — "How Did They Teach?" — Ideas from the past about Keyboard Instruction! workshop by Sandra Soderlund, Ph.D., 2 p.m. Oct. 22. 1228 Solano Ave., Albany. Free. R.S.V.P.: 510-524-0411, 877-524-0411 or www.acheerfulnoyse.com.

■ **Brown Bag Speakers Forum** — 12:30 p.m. Oct. 23. Lisa Harris speaks

on "Reading for Life" program: one-on-one tutoring for incarcerated adult learners. Bring your lunch. Upcoming: Angela Mason speaks on "Water for Life," Nov. 6. Albany Library Edith Stone Room, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Free.

■ **El Cerrito Art Association** — on-location painting session series, beginning Oct. 24 with day of outdoor painting at Blake Estate in Kensington. Details: 510-234-5028.

RELIGION

■ **Kol Hadash** — Humanistic (nontheistic) Judaism programs. Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m. Nov. 12 at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany; \$5 donation. Thanksgiving Shabbat for all ages, 10 a.m. Nov. 18 at Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. Details: 510-428-1492, info@kolhadash.org.

CHILDREN/TEENS

■ **Tehiyah Day School Kindergarten** — Information Meetings, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25 and 10 a.m. Jan. 7. Tour campus,

meet Head of School and teachers, learn about curriculum and educational philosophy, meet parents. In El Cerrito. Details: Amy, 510-233-3013, Ext. 239.

■ **Tehiyah Day School Preschool** — Havdalah Celebration, 10:15-11:30 a.m. Nov. 5. Features Rabbi Tsipi Gabai and Tehiyah Faculty. Jewish storytelling, Maccabee games, art projects, singing, sweets (Kashrut observed). Celebrate end of Shabbat. In El Cerrito. Details: Amy, 510-233-3013, Ext. 239.

■ **St. Jerome Catholic School** — Information Night, 7-8 p.m. Nov. 8. Parents of prospective K-8 students invited; meet faculty and parents, have questions answered, and learn more about programs. 320 San Carlos Ave., El Cerrito. 510-525-9484, information@stjeromecc.org.

■ **Tehiyah Day School** — All School Informational Open House, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 3. Tour campus of K-8 school, meet head of school and teachers. In El Cerrito. Details: Amy, 510-233-3013, Ext. 239.

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Candidates

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these projects will be a challenge. I will use my experience as a council member and regional transportation policy maker, as well as my professional training (MBA in management) and understanding of funding sources and other agencies to ensure success. Phasing the projects will help to minimize the disruption on other city activities.

Q: What are the other important issues in the city? How do you plan on addressing those?

Potter: Public safety. I will continue to work to strengthen police and fire protection services in El Cerrito and to collaborate with the school district to ensure safe schools. Economic development: The El Cerrito Plaza has greatly improved the business climate, and has created a stable source of sales tax revenue. I will expand our facade improvement and small business loan program, encourage new businesses to come to El Cerrito, and support our Redevelopment Plan. Regional transportation: I will actively work with the (West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee), Caltrans and our neighbors along San Pablo Avenue to address traffic and circulation challenges in our city.

Boisvert: El Cerrito needs an honest budget that takes a long-term approach to the health of our city. Crime needs to be reduced. We need an accessible government that works with the residents and the businesses. The cost of building a new City Hall should be reduced. And we need a new library and senior center. When it comes to crime, we cannot do it alone. We need to work with neighboring communities and the school district. I will work with the staff to notify residents and businesses of impending ordinances before new laws are passed by the City Council. I will encourage the use of technology to make our government more productive.

Ting: The city has a need for more organized arts and music programs for our youths. Many of our youths are forced to go to neighboring cities for organized arts programs. Once the city supports the arts and music programs, many qualified professionals and established non-profit arts organizations will be willing to relocate to El Cerrito.

Abelson: I consider public safety a priority. That's why I supported a 23 percent increase in police department staff in the

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ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

VIDEO CLASS: The video production class's magazine program, One Square Mile, airs monthly on Albany cable channel 33. The next program, on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 8 p.m., features segments on the Golden Gate Fields racetrack, Sidekicks and Tattoos, the Pez Museum, and Homecoming.

COLLEGE VISITS: The following college visits are scheduled: Pomona College — Monday, Oct. 30, 10:30 a.m.; Bard College — Monday, Oct. 30, 1:15 p.m.; Lewis & Clark — Tuesday, Oct. 31, 9:20 a.m.; Colby College — Wednesday, Nov. 1, 9:20 a.m.; Reed College — Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1:15 p.m.; USC — Friday, Nov. 3, 7:40 a.m.; University of San Francisco — Monday, Nov. 6, 10:45 a.m.; Harvard — Monday, Nov. 6, 1:20 p.m.; and UC Santa Barbara — Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m.

AHS DANCE: The next AHS dance is homecoming, Saturday Oct. 28. Six parent chaperones are needed on each of two shifts, 7:45 — 9:30 or 9:15-11 p.m. To volunteer, please contact Lorraine Lerman at llerman@hotmail.com. Thanks for your help keeping the dances fun and safe.

MADRIGAL CHOIR: AHS Madrigal Choir Madrigal performs tonight and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Tickets are available from choir members and at the door. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors. Savories and sweets will be served.

VOTER REGISTRATION: For students who are 18 years old, or are going to be 18 by the Nov. 7 elections, there are voter registration forms available in the main office. The last day to register is Oct. 23.

BOOSTERS PARTY: Athletic boosters and their guests are invited to attend a party tonight at The Pub, 1492 Solano Ave. (near Santa Fe), 7:30 to closing. Entertainment will be provided by Burke and Brian. Food is potluck. One-half of the sales generated by parents and guests will be donated to the soccer and wrestling teams. Admittance only to those 21 years and older.

ECI TRIP: If you are still interested in going on the ECI trip to Costa Rica in February with Ms. Porter and Ms. Pfeiffer, the deadline to sign up is Thursday, Oct. 26. See Ms. Porter or Ms. Pfeiffer for details.

THEATER PERFORMANCE: An innocent playground game turns into a wacky and disturbing adventure filled with backstabbing, battles, and very naughty words as Albany High School Theatre Ensemble presents Pretend-O-Cide, a world premiere adaptation of Alfred Jarry's 1896 Ubu the King. The story follows a nasty little man named Ubu with a domineering wife who helps him murder the king, seize the throne, and become a dictator more ruthless — and ridiculous — than the world has ever seen. The play runs in the Little Theater from Thursday, Nov. 2 through Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. on Thursday and 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Theater Ensemble is a student-run theater group that collaborates with a professional director every fall. Acting and tech work are done solely by students. Theater Ensemble is self-funded, supported entirely by its shows, fundraisers, and donations. Information is available at www.myspace.com/ahsbufoi.

SOCCER TRYOUTS: Girls soccer tryouts are Monday, Nov. 6 at 3:25 p.m. at Memorial Park. Please have your physical exam done and turn the paperwork in to the main office. Obtain forms in the main office. Please e-mail coach IZ at iz710@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Albany Middle School

WRESTLING STARS: Congratulations to the AMS wrestlers for their fine performance at the CYC Tournament: Stuart Adams, Marcellus Love, Joseph Rapella, Elijah Suduth, Salman Zaman, Brian Bernard and Jeff Stone.

FOREIGN STUDENTS: Once again students from Albany Middle's sister school in Japan, Haga Junior High School, are visiting. The students will be here from Nov. 3-7. This is the 10th year hosting these students. Six families are needed to host two Japanese girls, and three families are needed to host two Japanese boys. These are all middle school children. If you are interested in being a host family, please contact Mylo Magtoto at mylomagtoto@gmail.com or 510-459-9434.

GARDEN WORK PARTY: Please come help turn the Behrens and Spokane cut de sac weed patch (across from AMS) into a beautiful native plant garden. AMS neighbors are sponsoring a work party on Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., clearing the weeds and amending soil. The second work party will be on Saturday, Nov. 18, all day, planting the plants. (Bring tools and gloves). The city of El Cerrito will be donating soil, mulch and plants. Please contact neighbor Diane Ichiyasu at 510-525-0382 or dianeichiasu@msn.com if you have questions.

Marin Elementary

SCRIP NEWS: Safeway requires that you annually renew registration of your Safeway card with eScrip. In order for Marin to continue to receive uninterrupted donations from your Safeway purchases you must renew by Nov. 1. Just visit www.escrip.com and click on "Yes! Renew." For questions about eScrip, contact Lucinda Young at 510-524-4636 or yowe@sbccglobal.net.

POTLUCK DINNER: The International Potluck Dinner is next Friday evening in the Cornell School multipurpose room (a bigger facility than Marin's multipurpose room). It's a nice opportunity to visit with fellow Marin families and share the food of your heritage. The organizing committee is in desperate need of more committee members. To help, contact Maria Riggio at 510-527-8112.

Education funders

SILENT AUCTION: Noche Tropical, the SchoolCARE silent auction and party benefiting all of Albany's schools, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 4. Because the event is a benefit, all committee members and volunteers attending that evening are still asked to purchase tickets. If you are planning to attend the party, 30 minutes of your time working a short shift would be most greatly appreciated. Tickets will be on sale starting Saturday. If you cannot attend the event that evening, you can still help. Contact Sandy Endo at shendo77@sbccglobal.net or 510-527-9317.

— Bob Menzimer

E-mail Albany school notes to Bob Menzimer at megabob@pacbell.net

ELCERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

Harding Elementary

POTLUCK MEETINGS: A series of meetings to get community input on how the district will renovate or rebuild Potlatch Middle School will be held in the new Harding auditorium. For meeting dates/times, see the Harding Web site: <http://hardingpta.org/>

SCRIP SALES: Purchase SCRIP before school on Wednesdays beginning at 8:15 a.m. Sales are canceled on rainy days.

BOX TOPS: Box Tops for Education deadline is today. Look for the "Box Tops Education" coupons on the products you purchase. Money collected supports the HASEP scholarship fund.

HALLOWEEN PARADE: The Harding Halloween Parade will be 11:35 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Come celebrate Halloween on the Harding campus with the El Cerrito High School Marching Band.

KINDERGARTEN TOUR: A kindergarten tour will be held Friday, Nov. 3. The tour begins in the school library at 9 a.m. There will be a presentation by parents and the principal with complimentary coffee and pastries. The tour will also visit kindergarten classrooms. To R.S.V.P. for the tour or inquire about openings next year in grades 1-6, please call the school office: 510-231-1413.

HARDING AUCTION: Harding parents, staff and alumni are invited to the annual auction in the new auditorium from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. Receive a boxed dinner and children's activities spot (ages 2 and older) by Oct. 23 and receive a discount. Children younger than 2 are welcome to stay with their parents during the auction. More than 50 items have been donated, including 49ers tickets, a one-night stay at the San Francisco Mandarin hotel, and a dining out gift certificate for Laime's restaurant in

Berkeley. For more information, visit <http://hardingpta.org/>

Fairmont Elementary

ENERGY AWARENESS NIGHT: Fairmont Elementary is hosting an Energy Awareness Night on Oct. 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Fairmont Multipurpose Room, 724 Kearney St. This event will provide information about creative approaches to conserving energy. It will feature a solar cooking display and demonstration, take-home activities for children, a raffle including solar cars and solar robot kits, and energy conservation resources for adults from PG&E and

local vendors.

St. Jerome

INFORMATION NIGHT: St. Jerome Catholic School invites parents of prospective K-8 students to the annual information night on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 7-8 p.m. This is an opportunity to have your questions answered about the school's educational goals and programs, and meet St. Jerome faculty and parents. St. Jerome is at 320 San Carlos Ave. (at the top of Fairmont Avenue), El Cerrito. For more information, call 510-525-9484, or e-mail information@stjeromecc.org. — Craig Lazzeretti

Library

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El Cerrito Library

6510 Stockton Ave. 510-526-7512 or www.cccolibrary.org
Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays to 6 p.m.; Fridays to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
■ The library will offer Internet on the following Saturdays at 10 a.m. All classes last one hour. Please register in advance. Oct. 28: Finding Magazine Articles.

■ Children and their families are the library for a series of Monday family story times through Nov. 13. The first story time is at 7 p.m. on Nov. 13. The story time will include storybook fingerplays as well as stories on a large theme. The themes for the story times: Oct. 23 — ABC's; Nov. 6 — Cats & Bats & Pumpkins; Nov. 13 — Halloween stories; Nov. 20 — Songs; Nov. 27 — Pizza Parties, crafts and snacks.

■ The fall series of Lapiz stories (formerly known as Babytime/Toddler time) will continue through Nov. 16. These story times will meet on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. are for babies and toddlers to age 3 and their caregivers. The meetings last about 20 minutes and include songs, bounces, and fingerplays in addition to the stories.

■ Readers Anonymous story time meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. On Tuesday, the group discusses "Color of the Sea" by Hamamura. Future titles: Nov. 13: "The Piano Tuner" by Daniel Dec. 19: "Motherless Brooklyn" by Jonathan Lethem.

■ If you would like to learn about Internet or basic word processing, the library offers hour-long appointments. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Internet docents will help you as much as you would like. Call the library to make an appointment.

Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave. 510-524-3043 or www.cccolibrary.org
Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays to 6 p.m.; Fridays to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The library celebrates Teen Week at 3 p.m. today with a party and "popularity contest" which teens can vote for. They would most like to see the library. The event is for ages 9-17.

■ The library will hold family times on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Nov. 7-28. All ages are welcome. The next meeting of the book club will be at 7 p.m. when it will discuss "The Piano Tuner" by David Mason.

■ P&T Puppets will perform at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Children's Book Week.

■ Meetings of the library's book club, "Castoffs," are scheduled p.m. the first Monday of the month. All levels are welcome, and help will be provided.

■ A special show about live ball presented by Maggie Hooper at Bat Conservation Fund at 6:30 p.m. There will be a limited number of free tickets available. This is appropriate for children older than 10. — Craig Lazzeretti

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Candidates

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years, El Cerrito police officers at El Cerrito High School and paramedics at all our stations. Making San Pablo more pedestrian-friendly with more crosswalks, benches, safer crosswalks, benches, bike racks and signage. We are implementing a \$6.5 million in public works projects such as trees, benches, bike racks and signage. We will promote San Pablo Avenue revitalization businesses, increase sales tax revenue, and we will maintain our current healthy city financial record.

What can you do to improve public safety?

Answer: Continue to fully fund police and fire departments and retain educated and capable public safety personnel. Continue to support neighborhood volunteer programs such as National Night Out (Community Emergency Response Team) disaster preparedness program. Make use of security improvements on the Ohlone Greenway. Continue to work with (West Contra Costa Unified School District) to provide safe and secure campuses.

Answer: Public safety is a responsibility, awareness, providing a positive environment in which to live and work. El Cerrito, neighboring communities and the school district to work together to reduce crime. I would balance working with community development and education. It is a known fact that small communities create conditions where crimes thrive. In the event of a crime spree or a disaster,

Janet Abelson

Age: 60

Education: B.A., English, San Francisco State University, 1972; M.B.A., management, San Francisco State University, 1976

Background: Two-term El Cerrito City Council member; retired administrative data processing systems analyst at UC Berkeley; El Cerrito Planning Commission; Contra Costa Transportation Authority commissioner; member of the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee of Metropolitan Transportation Commission; chairwoman of the BART Accessibility Task Force; chairwoman of the AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee; chairwoman of the League of California Cities Administrative Services Policy Committee

aster, El Cerrito should have the ability to automatically notify participating residents of potential dangers, using automated calling, e-mail or text messaging. We should also establish a comprehensive disaster-recovery plan.

Ting: One of the most effective and least-costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear is by promoting neighborhood crime watch. Neighborhood crime watch encourages local residents to work together to help reduce crime and to strengthen relations between police and the communities they serve in. Residents will learn to protect their property and report suspicious activities to the police.

Abelson: It is important to

David Boisvert

Age: 38

Education: B.S., biology, University of Connecticut, 1990; M.B.A., global management, University of Phoenix, 2005; Ph.D., Yale, protein chemistry, 1997

Background: Moved from Connecticut to Berkeley in 1997 to work for the University of California; in 2001, became a group leader at Bayer HealthCare, where he helped discover new treatments for asthma and cancer; began working with six other colleagues in 2003 to raise money and start Aerovance in Berkeley, which is dedicated to making treatments for cystic fibrosis, asthma and eczema; staff scientist at Aerovance; member of the El Cerrito Financial Advisory Board since 2005

maintain and even increase our current level of staffing for public safety. We must ensure that all positions are filled, and we need to continue the school resource officer program in our schools. In addition, it is important that there be a group of officers who can be deployed to work on specific problems as they occur. All of this will help us keep our community safer. In addition, we must ensure that our police officers and firefighters have the proper training and equipment.

Q: The city needs infrastructure improvements, including street repairs as well as public safety, library and senior center buildings. How should the city deal with these needs?

Sandi Potter

Age: 46

Education: B.A., environmental studies, UC Santa Barbara, 1981; M.S., geology, Humboldt State, 1988

Background: Member of the El Cerrito City Council for one term (mayor in 2004-2005); 13 years as an environmental consultant and geologist in the Bay Area; works as an engineering geologist for the state and serves as a public information officer for a state agency; has taught after-school art classes to elementary, middle and high school students for the past three years; El Cerrito Redevelopment Advisory Committee; El Cerrito Planning Commission; West Contra Costa Unified School District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee; Madera Elementary School and Portola Middle School site councils.

Andrew Ting

Age: 33

Education: B.A., UC Berkeley, economics and music, 1995; M.A., orchestral conducting, University of Minnesota, 1997; teaching credential, Cal State Hayward, 2001

Background: Math and music middle school teacher in Richmond; started his own business, Pacer Sport Inc., which sells car wheels.

Potter: We should continue to budget for these capital projects and to explore reasonable methods for funding them such as state and federal grants, collaboration with the county library

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Calendar

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■ **Kurukula** — Fall enrollment now. Girls ages 9-13 learn empowerment, life skills and self-defense through interactive classes taught by martial arts instructor Dara Connolly. In Albany. Details: 510-847-2400 or www.kurukula.com.

MUSIC

■ **Albany High School Choirs** — Madrigal Choir Performance, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20-21. Fundraiser for choir's Spring Festival trip. In the multipurpose room, Albany High School, 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany. \$10-\$15. 510-377-4245.

■ **Kensington Symphony** — concert, 8 p.m. Oct. 28. Includes Shostakovich's "Incidental Music to Hamlet, Op. 32," "Lalo's" "Cello Concerto in D minor," Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony." Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. \$10-\$15. 510-524-9912.

FILM/DANCE/STAGE

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** — "The Orchid Sandwich (Madness on Madrona Drive)," Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., through Oct. 21. Louis Flynn's comedy/mystery. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. \$11-\$18. 510-524-9132. www.cccot.org.

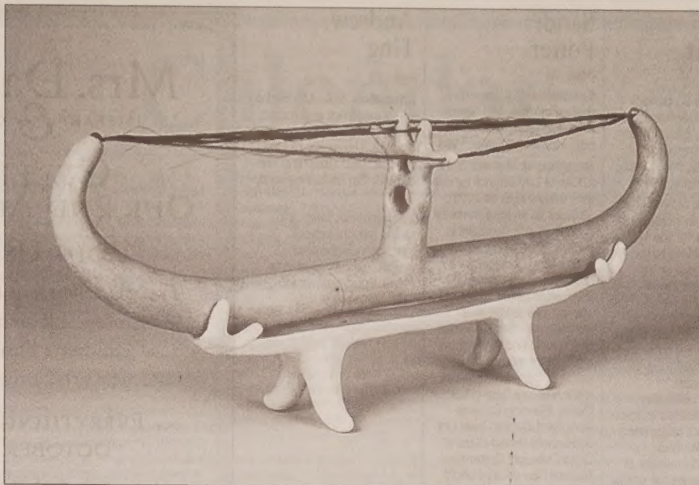
■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** — "And Then There Were None," Nov. 10-Dec. 9. Agatha Christie's murder mystery. Show times: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. on Nov. 19, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. \$11-\$18. 510-524-9132. www.cccot.org.

■ **Albany High School Theatre Ensemble** — "Pretend-O-Cide," Nov. 2-11. Adaptation of Alfred Jarry's 1896 "Ubu the King." Show times: 7 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. Albany High School Little Theater, 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany. \$5-\$10. Details: www.myspace.com/ahsbubol.

COMMUNITY

■ **RabbiEARS** — Healing Circle for Animals, 5-6 p.m. Oct. 21 and 4-5 p.m. Nov. 11. Animal Communication, 4-5 p.m. Oct. 28 and 5-6 p.m. Nov. 11; one on one session with animal whisperer. Non-Anesthetic Teeth Cleaning for cats and dogs, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 18. 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Details: 510-525-6155. fxpets@yahoo.com.

■ **Albany Prevention Council** — Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-28. Albany children in grades K-5 receive red pencils, donated by Albany Alcohol and Drug



Art at Alta Bates

"INSTRUMENT" BY ELIZABETH ORLEANS is one of the ceramic sculptures featured at the Community Art Gallery at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2450 Ashby Ave., in Berkeley, along with acrylic paintings by Rosalie Cassell and Diane Rusnak. The exhibit is open 24 hours a day from Nov. 12-Jan. 5. A reception is scheduled for Dec. 2 at 4 p.m.

Abuse Prevention Council, part of national campaign promoting a drug-free life. Details: Kristina, 510-527-3815.

■ **Albany Senior Center** — activities. Flu shots provided by Over 60 Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 24; \$4 donation; bring Medicare card. 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. 510-534-9122.

■ **Fairmont Elementary School** — Fairmont Energy Awareness Night, 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 24. Learn creative approaches to conserving energy: solar cooking demonstration, kids' activities, raffle, resource information. Multipurpose room, 724 Kearney St., El Cerrito. Free.

■ **Albany YMCA** — Giant Garage Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 28. Features clothing, books, children's toys and accessories, household and office items, and more. Proceeds benefit Albany YMCA Youth and Senior Financial Assistance programs. 921 Kains Ave., Albany. 510-525-1130.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** — Pets available for adoption and temporary foster homes. Cats available 12-3 p.m.

Oct. 28 at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley. Dogs available Oct. 28 at PetSmart, 1001 Eastshore Hwy., Albany. Details: 510-267-1915. www.hopalong.org.

■ **Kensington Farmer's Market** — Halaloven activities, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 29: scary tattoos, gypsy fortune teller, prizes for costumes, pumpkin patch. Chocolate tasting, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 5. Kensington Elementary School students sell holiday cards, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 12 and Nov. 19; proceeds benefit Progress Elementary School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Narsal David bottle signing, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 19. 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Details: 510-528-4346 or kensingtonfm@yahoo.com.

■ **Friends of Five Creeks** — Speakers. Tom Kelly of Kyoto USA speaks on "Acting Locally Against Global Warming," 7 p.m. Nov. 6. Friends of Corte Madera Creek's Charles Kennard speaks on Corte Madera watershed and Indian basketry, 7 p.m. Dec. 4. All are welcome. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Free. 510-848-9358. fscreeks@aol.com. www.fivecreeks.org.

■ **Windrush School** — 7 p.m. Nov. 8. Arlene Blum, noted mountaineer and author of "Annapurna: A Woman's Place," speaks of personal growth, dramatic adventure, and action to make world a better place. Windrush School multipurpose room, 1800 Elm St., El Cerrito. Free. www.windrush.org.

■ **Sutter Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice** — flu shot clinics, through Jan. 6. \$25 for flu shots, \$35 for pneumonia shots. To find a nearby clinic: 800-500-2400 or www.sutterhealth.org/health/flushot/index.html or www.sutterna.org/services/services_flushot.html.

EXHIBITS

■ **Eclectix's Back Room Gallery** — "The Halloween Show: A Mixed Media Group Show: Paintings, Sculpture, Prints, Assemblage, Silkscreen and Ceramics; All With A Twist!" through Nov. 4. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays and Tuesdays, 12-8 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday and Saturday. 7523 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito. Details: 510-364-7261.

may be increased to 55 in the fall of 2007 if it meets the conditions of the use permit.

A hearing is scheduled before the Planning and Zoning Commission in the summer of 2007.

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■ **El Cerrito Community Center gallery** — exhibit through November. Features abstract acrylic paintings by local artist Madeline Ibrahim. 707 Mooser Lane. Details: 510-526-9564.

ONGOING

MISCELLANEOUS

■ **Asian Outreach Program** — Center for Independent Living assists Asians with disabilities, particularly new immigrants, providing services and advocacy in Cantonese, Vietnamese and English. Staff knows community and government services available to disabled. Details: CIL, 510-763-9999.

■ **Three wishes Inc.** — Free power wheelchairs available to senior citizens and permanently disabled if they qualify; those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home, and meet program guidelines. No deposit required. 800-839-5715.

■ **Kensington Senior Activity Center** — Meets 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays. West Contra Costa Adult School presents classes and events for those 55 and older. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 510-526-9146. 510-547-1969.

MUSIC

■ **Contra Costa Chorale** — Accepting new singers and soloists. Rehearsals, 7:15-9:45 p.m. Mondays. Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navillier St., El Cerrito. Sign ups: 510-527-2026, or come to rehearsals. Details: www.cochorale.org.

VOLUNTEERS

■ **California Peace Action** — Volunteers needed to assist paid staff, work independently, provide technical support and aid in community outreach. Dedicated to building a citizen's movement for changes in United States foreign policy. 510-849-2272, Ext. 104. sophia@californiapaceaction.org.

■ **Albany Senior Center** — Volunteer opportunities at 846 Masonic Ave., Albany: Shopping van drivers, desk work, special events, kitchen helpers, Meals-On-Wheels drivers and more. Donate a few hours a week for a great cause. 510-524-9122.

■ **Red Cross volunteers needed** — Interested in helping disaster victims? Join Alameda County Disaster Action Team. Free training. Agency Fair Representatives needed to staff booths at fairs, parades and festivals; good people skills a plus. First Aid Station workers needed during Bay Area public

events. Details: Eva, 510-586-1111. www.bayarea-redcross.org.

■ **The Turnabout Shop** — Volunteers needed at 10052 Ave., El Cerrito. Proceeds support health care needs. Donations: clothing, household items are welcome. 525-7844.

■ **ASSE International** — Need change Programs — Need representative volunteers to interview and council exchange students, materials and reimbursements provided. Details: Windy, 800-702-520-319-2773.

■ **Civil Rights** — Activists meet the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Richmond, and Kensington at 11414, Berkeley, CA 94701.

■ **Work Buddies** — Volunteers to work with people in early Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum month commitment, two hours per week. Training provided. 8292.

OUTDOORS

■ **Feed and care for orphaned birds** — House sparrows, pigeons, species not affiliated with rehabilitation groups. Help to the wild. Free training and details: Myrna, 510-531-3042. 510-655-3911.

COMMUNITY

■ **Bay Area Community Services** — special lunch days, noon various locations in Alameda County. \$2.25 donation. Details and locations: 510-986-8900. www.bayareacs.org.

■ **Kensington Farmer's Market** — Runs 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. ACE Hardware parking lot, 3030 Kensington Ave., Kensington. 510-528-9122. kensingtonfm@yahoo.com.

■ **Albany Senior Center** — Support Group, noon-1 p.m. days monthly; free. Massage 1:45-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Wednesdays, \$25 for massages. Caregiver Support Group p.m. second and third Thursdays monthly; free. Foot and Health 11:30 a.m. second Mondays; free. Rosen Movement, noon Wednesdays, \$5 per class. 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. 510-524-9122.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** — puppy temporary foster urgently needed. Local animals are overcrowded and the situation is desperate. 510-267-1915. www.hopalong.org.

Move

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Councilman Robert Good cast the lone no vote.

He said that he thought it was more important to find the right place for the school — and the property across from Marin was not it.

"I like Montessori but that's not the place to put it," Good said.

But Councilman Robert Lieber said during Monday's meeting that he couldn't vote against the move "because the motorists are bad."

"We need to take responsibility and make it safe there," he said. "I don't want to lose this valuable asset."

The City Council approved a conditional use permit to allow the property's change of use from a church to a preschool, daycare and kindergarten, and granted a waiver to allow no

spaces for parking instead of the nine usually required.

It also adopted a mitigated negative declaration, a document required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the project.

But the approval comes with several conditions that Bright Star must follow, including establishing written traffic and parking rules, and holding meetings with residents and Marin administrators.

The school also must implement any traffic solution that the Traffic and Safety Commission comes up with.

The conditional use permit will be reviewed yearly.

Bright Star currently shares a site with MacGregor High School. The school's new site, 1370 Marin Ave., is the former location of the Church of Christ of Albany.

Last month, the Planning

and Zoning Commission approved a conditional use permit to allow the change of use, and adopted a mitigated negative declaration.

But two residents who live on Santa Fe signed an appeal of the commission's ruling, asking the City Council to overturn the decision and to deny the project.

The appeal claimed the mitigated negative declaration was inadequate under CEQA, the conditions for approval of the use permit weren't met, and the permit did not require sufficient measures to offset the negative impacts of the school.

Maria Riggio, one of the residents who appealed the Planning and Zoning Commission's approval, said she and her husband have not ruled out filing a lawsuit to stop the move.

"We're weighing our options," she said.

Though the City Council's decision allows 30 students at the new site, Bright Star's enrollment

Candidates

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program, increasing local revenue through bonds, loans and a voter-approved quarter-cent sales tax.

Boisvert: It is time that we invest in our city. I would continue establishing a plan with the city staff to calculate the annual budget required to keep the city functioning at the current levels of service over the long term. Infrastructure and safety should be the number one priorities of the city. The city needs to protect the residents and protect our investments in parks, streets and city buildings. Pet projects need to take a back seat to city needs.

Ting: Each year the city should have set aside a budget to take care of infrastructure improvements primarily used for street repairs, street lightings and landscaping. Either due to

lack of urgency and/or mismanagement, our current administration has failed to take care of some of the basic needs for our citizens. The city should reevaluate some of its past spending choices. There should be sufficient tax and bond money for all the projects listed above. The city just has to manage it properly.

Abelson: First, it is important that our city determine priorities by listening to our residents. Next we must determine which local resources can be used to fund priorities. Then we must work with other agencies to increase funding and protect existing funding such as Proposition 42. We must work with our

legislators to ensure they understand our priorities and increase infrastructure funding. We need to be active regionally; for example, I represent West Contra Costa County on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. I've been successful in obtaining funding for El Cerrito in the past, and will continue to do so if re-elected.

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reporting at St. Mary's High
in Ireland. The future Sis-
ter Christine, who came from a
family of seven children in the
county of Wexford, had few
prospects in her native country.
The economy, already in a bad
spot, grew worse as Europe was
hit by World War II. The like-
lihood of being a chef seemed dim.
It was the case in Ireland at
the time, most people had to leave
the Emerald Isle to get work," she
said in a memoir of how she ar-
rived in her vocation. "My heart
was on going to England. My
parents did not approve at all."

nuns for six months as she waited.
It was during this time that she
realized her true calling was not
as a chef or nurse, but as a nun.
She joined the Sacred Order
of Jesus and Mary and trained as
a teacher at Notre Dame College
in Liverpool. In the years since,
she has earned degrees in
French, history and education.
In 1954 she was among a
group of nuns who volunteered
to teach at schools run by the or-
der in California.

"We were known as the 'Irish
sisters of England,'" she said.
Sister Christine rotated be-
tween schools in Atwater, Tur-
lock and Sacramento, teaching
every grade through high
school, as well as serving as
principal.

In those days, students "were
fascinated with the sisters be-
cause we looked like this," she
said, pointing to a 1955 photo of
herself in a habit.

Nuns, their numbers having
greatly declined over the years,
are no longer a common sight at
Catholic schools and churches.
Sister Christine and the three
other nuns of the order who live



**SISTER CHRISTINE
HAWKINS**, of St. Jerome
Catholic Church in El Cerrito, is
seen in her habit in 1955.

and serve at St. Jerome are the
exception, not the rule.

"To have sisters in the parish is
a great gift," Kennedy said. "All of
our parishes are missing the pres-
ence of sisters. We miss them."

There have been other
changes since Sister Christine
came to the United States.

"I had 50 children in my class
when I came to Turlock," she
said. "At the time, tuition was \$6
a month for the whole family."

Classes today have about 25
students, and "now it's about \$300
each to get into Catholic school
because of the shortage of sis-
ters," she said. "And you know
who's hurt by that — the children."

"It used to be that parents
passed the faith to their children,"
she said. "That's not happening
today because you know people
are so busy. It's very hard to get
people to pray at home or have
any discussion about faith. Peo-
ple should sit down and talk
about God, even if it's a half-hour
a month."

Sister Christine applies the
same lessons to living with the
other nuns at St. Jerome — Sis-
ters Angela Burke, Margaret
Healy and Nora Hogan — in a
modest four-bedroom home next
door to the church.

"Being a sister is like being
married," she said. "It's give and
take and more giving than tak-
ing. You have to live with sisters
of every background, and you
have to learn to live together."

Reach Chris Treadway at
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City Hall

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also serve as an emergency op-
erations center for staff members
and city employees.

The Veterans and Blue Star
memorials and flag pole will be re-
tained near their current location.

"Everything's designed to make
city business more user-friendly
and to create a sense of place,"
City Manager Scott Hanin said.

NBC General Contractors
Corp. of Oakland was picked to
make that design a reality after
submitting the low bid of nearly
\$9.6 million.

Construction costs were esti-
mated about \$9.2 million plus
contingency money. NBC's bid
ate into the contingency funds,
but the project still has more than
\$1.1 million set aside for contin-
gencies, Hanin said.

The total project cost is more
than \$13.4 million, which includes
contingencies, fees, inspections,
furnishings, fixtures, equipment
and temporary relocation costs.
The funding will come from

several sources: more than \$1.5
million in designated City Hall
funds; \$399,000 in one-time ve-
hicle license reimbursement from
the state; more than \$3.4 million
in Redevelopment Agency money;
and \$8 million in bond proceeds.
NBC has experience working
on public buildings.

In the summer of 2002, the
company did work for the Reed
Union School District in Marin
County — which was probably
"B" work, said John Frick, dis-
trict business manager.

Though the job was com-
pletely finished in December, the
project was 90 percent completed
and everything was usable on the
first day of school.

Dick Nicoll, assistant super-
intendent for administrative ser-
vices for the Mt. Diablo Unified
School District, said NBC's work
was "satisfactory."

Several years ago, NBC did
modernization work at several
district schools. The company is
currently working on a new bid
awarded this spring for a \$6.3
million modernization and reno-
vation project at the Pleasant Hill
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Socializing and Retirement Go Together at Mercy

Steve is the director of
Resident Activities for Mercy
Retirement & Care Center in
Oakland. He says he often
finds that his greatest
challenge in activity planning
is "managing the balance
between the quality of ideas
and the quantity of ideas." And
here, quality means
coming up with ideas that
positively impact the life of a
resident and choosing what
works best in the moment.

Full of energy, Steve has
worked with the elderly for 10
years. His background
includes drama, theater, and
music therapy. In addition, he
is a wonderful pianist and
vocalist.

At Mercy, Steve is
responsible for creating the
activities and social plans for
the residents in assisted
living, dementia, and skilled

nursing programs. As
residents' interests change, he
and his staff work to design
new programs.

Steve finds that he is most
creative when he listens to the
residents. "Understanding
where they are, being in the
moment with them, helps to
spark new ideas," he said.

One of his favorite programs
at Mercy was our Talent Show.
"The talent show stimulated
interaction between residents,
family, and staff," he said. "It
created a buzz of energy and
was a huge success."

His dedicated and versatile
staff works with him to create
all kinds of programs,
including classes on art, Web
surfing, various types of
exercise, and brain teasers.
They've also organized current
event forums, holiday
programs and special outings.

"Music is fundamental to
many of our residents," Steve
said. "We really make music
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Low Back Pain in Seniors

Kathy Hanley PT

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formed by the vertebrae in the
spine. The spinal cord runs
through this canal and nerves
exit off at each level that goes
to the arms, legs and trunk. As
we age, the discs in between
the vertebrae lose fluid and
become less spongy, resulting
in a decreased disc height and
bulging of the disc into the
spinal canal. Parts of the ver-
tebrae can also thicken with
arthritis and push into the spi-
nal canal. With narrowing of
the spinal canal there is less
room for the spinal cord and
the nerves that exit from it.
Pressure on these nervous sys-
tem structures may result in
pain, weakness, or numbness
in the back and/or legs, and
cramping in the legs. Sym-
ptoms are often worse with pro-
longed standing or walking.
Bending forward or sitting
increases the room in the spi-
nal canal and may lead to
reduced pain. How is spinal
stenosis treated? Most physi-
cians will try a non-surgical
approach first. This may
include anti-inflammatory
medications, physical therapy,
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Maxwell
Park home
remodeled
to perfection

The understated-modern approach to the renovation of the 1950s home at 3109 Birsall Ave. in Oakland's Maxwell Park neighborhood is truly a work of art.

Created by an artist with an eye for perfection, the remodel uses the home's original simple lines as inspiration, and modern materials for finishes with timeless natural wood enhancements.

Incredible outdoor spaces were created to take full advantage of an over-sized, quarter-acre lot with eas-

ily accessible indoor-outdoor living. The formal living room with updated fireplace surround and dining room are perfect for entertaining — or easy living.

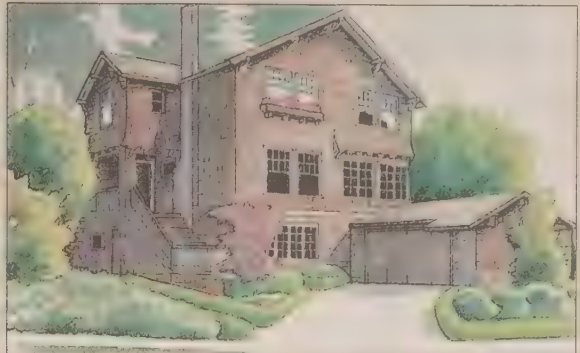
The floor plan invites guests to enjoy the lovely outdoor living areas with the variety of landscaping.

The well-appointed chef's kitchen is both hip and functional — perfect placement enables the home chef to keep an eye on those enjoying the outdoors.

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Real Estate Spotlight

Brown shingle home in Piedmont



THE HOME AT 104 DRACENA AVE. Piedmont, was constructed circa 1905 when Piedmont was not yet incorporated, and the silk farm and dairy were big business in town. This home exemplifies the notion of the quintessential brown shingle. Located across the street from popular Dracena Park where children romp on the newly constructed play structure, and people walk their dogs, this location also affords easy access to transportation and schools. The house has gorgeous architectural details, from the leaded glass windows to the original woods through out. A cozy fireplace graces the living room and lovely wainscoting can be found in the large dining room. Enjoy the game on television in the recently remodeled family room, complete with wonderful built-ins for pictures, books and trophies, as well as desks for computers. And if you are a garden person, you will just love the professionally landscaped formal grounds with crisp boxwood hedges, a pristine green lawn and a gracious brick patio perfect for outdoor entertaining. There are three large bedrooms upstairs.

Price: \$2,300,000

Listing agent: Anian Pettit Tunney, The Grubb Co., 510 339-0404, ext. 217.



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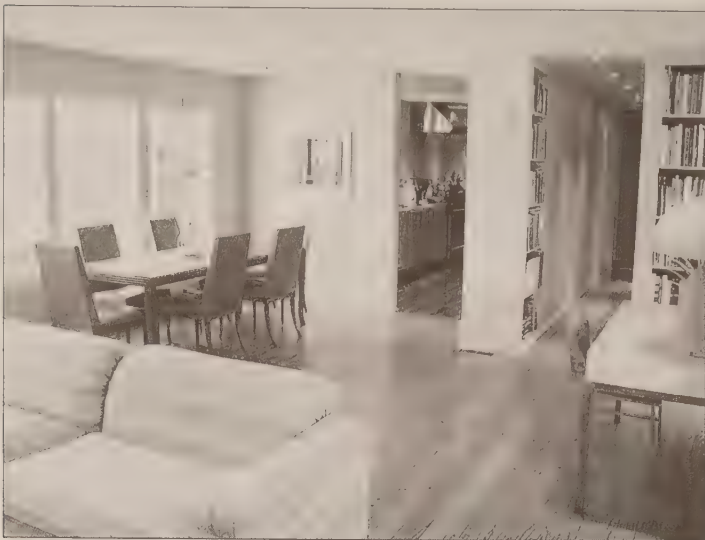
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GOING INFORMAL: The home's breakfast room is perfect for informal meals and opens to the family den with large picture window and glass door to the walled private yard

Home

FROM PAGE B1

The adjoining breakfast room is perfect for informal meals and opens to the family den with large picture window and glass door to the walled private yard. In this "hard-to-believe-it's-a" garage conversion den, conveniently find a tiled half bath and laundry closet.

This house could easily become a four-bedroom house. Both spacious bedrooms in the main house

have thoughtfully built-out closets. The larger of the current two bedrooms — the upper bedroom — also has peak-a-boo views of San Francisco Bay.

The full bath has been remodeled as well...once again with simple elegance. Need another bedroom or two? There are two options: the den with half bath or the in-law on the lower split level.

The lower split unit is a studio with kitchenette and full bath. Although once connected to the main house by interior stairs, it is now accessed by a separate entrance.

It also enjoys its own private outdoor patio area created by walls of bamboo and wood fencing. This studio could, once again, be reconnected to the main house by interior staircase.

The private off-street parking pad easily fits two cars. This tree-lined street of Maxwell Park has sidewalks for strolling and easy access to 580 freeway.

A fantastic 1950s property, updated to perfection. Few remodels achieve perfection...and are offered at such a reasonable price.

VITAL STATISTICS

What: An artistically renovated home at 3190 Birdsall Ave. in Oakland's Maxwell Park neighborhood

Size: A 2,000-plus square-foot home on a 9,207-square-foot lot

Bedrooms: Three-plus

Bathrooms: Two and one-half

Features: A fantastic 1950s property, updated to perfection; remodeled full bath; lower split unit has a kitchenette and full bath; private off-street parking for two cars

Price: \$728,000; Open Sunday 2 to 4 p.m.

Listing agent: Diana Yonkouski, Bay Area Properties, 510-597-0233

Seven simple tips to trim your tax bill

Part two

Last week we introduced you to a new tax strategies report and provided a few examples of benefits you may be able to receive from recently passed tax law changes that have come into effect during the past year.

This week we'll turn to the pages of the report again to offer a few helpful hints you can find inside to help ease your tax burden when it comes time to file in the spring. Following are seven simple tax-saving strategies you can use to avoid paying more than you have to.

Hold appreciated securities more than a year. Current long-term capital gains rates remain at attractive levels due to the extension of previous rate cuts that Congress passed this year. But to be able to take advantage of these rates, you must hold assets for more than one year before selling them.

Carry forward losses from previous years. To help reduce your tax burden each year, you are prob-

ably aware that you can use capital losses to offset capital gains. What's more, you can also use net losses up to \$3,000 to reduce ordinary income in a single year. After making these calculations, any additional capital losses can be carried forward to offset capital gains and/or ordinary income in subsequent years. So, don't forget any losses you may have carried from last year's tax return.

Plan carefully when exercising incentive stock options (ISOs). If you have ISOs that you want to exercise, plan carefully and be sure to consider the tax consequences. Otherwise, you could end up being a prime candidate for the alternative minimum tax, which is another method of tax calculation that was introduced by the government in 1969 to ensure that individuals who use certain tax strategies to reduce their tax burden pay at least some amount of tax. You calculate AMT and your regular income tax, and pay the higher of the two.



LEILA GOUGH
Money Matters

Be diligent about estimated payments. If you happen to be one

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BUILDERS TO THE WELL ANNOINTED: Burritt & Shealey personnel take a moment for the camera. John Maxwell chose the company to develop his East Oakland park.

Mister Maxwell and his park

■ Hardware store owner John P. Maxwell took full advantage of Oakland's Roaring Twenties building boom

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR

Illinois native John P. Maxwell lived in Oakland's Adams Point neighborhood. At age 17 he took over operations of the family's hardware firm C. L. Maxwell & Sons on Washington Street in downtown Oakland.

"Maxwell prospered and served terms as president of the Athenian-Niles Club and the California Retail Hardware Association," says historian Russell Yee. While in his early 50s he bought, subdivided, and developed a 70-acre tract with 600 building lots in East Oakland. He christened his project Maxwell Park.

Maxwell's project was part of a housing boom that would "forever alter the area's landscape," says historian Bill Sturm. "In a twinkling dairies, local farms and ranches became residential neighborhoods and retail centers."

Maxwell took a page from the City Beautiful movement in vogue at the time and boasted that his development was "Oakland's Addition Beautiful."

According to Wikipedia, the original development area was bounded by 55th Avenue, Trask Street, Monticello Avenue and Camden Street.

On May 1, 1921 on the front page of its Sunday morning Development Section, the Oakland

Tribune announced the coming of Maxwell Park. Maxwell opened his property for development the following Saturday, on May 7, 1921. He chose Burritt and Shealey — a company Sturm called "house builders to the well annointed in Piedmont" — as the main developers.

"Landscape engineers laid out the streets so that they swing gracefully over the entire property, conforming to the scenic contour of the land," said an Oakland Tribune article.

"Maxwell Park sold out fast," says historian Erika Maiman. She cites an April 1921 newspaper article that boasted: "Everyday there are hundreds of people out watching the development going on and anxiously waiting for the opening of the tract to the home buyers."

Yee points to another ad that promised Maxwell Park had beautiful views, warm climate and good schools. As an added incentive Maxwell Park was close to the "Southern Pacific Electric" direct to the Oakland Mole.

"The choice property will be sold in an intense eight-day selling campaign," the May 1 newspaper article boasted in a caption to a set of four photographs of the new development.

This must not have gone as planned because three weeks later on May 21, a striking full-page ad offered Oakland Tribune readers "a safe money-making investment." Maxwell Park was available for an investment of only \$1 a week, the ad said.

The advertisement included a letter from John P. Maxwell him-

HOME TO A MASTER

Martial arts master and movie star Bruce Lee once lived on Monticello Avenue in Maxwell Park where he trained with Fu master James Yimm Lee. The pair ran a martial arts school the home's garage and developed the Jeet Kune Do style associated with Bruce Lee. Bruce never would have had Maxwell Park had John Maxwell continued to have his way. Maxwell controlled who could live in his park with a clause in deeds that restricted residents to "Orientals, Asiatics and Africans."

Source: Oakland Hills Newspapers

self. Maxwell promised to all the improvements (streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters) up to "the City of Oakland."

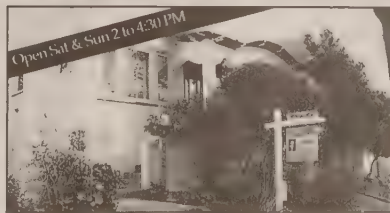
"Unlike earlier residential projects, in which homeowners suffered many months of streets, no sidewalks and serious sewer systems, the promised — and delivered — community complete with services," Sturm says.

Maxwell wrote his letter. Maxwell Hardware lettered the advertisement. The letterhead discreetly reminded readers that the hardware was "always reliable," so his real estate development.

Maxwell developed the in time to catch the crest post-World War One boom.

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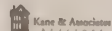


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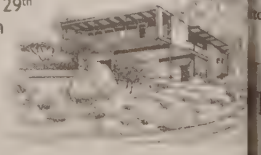
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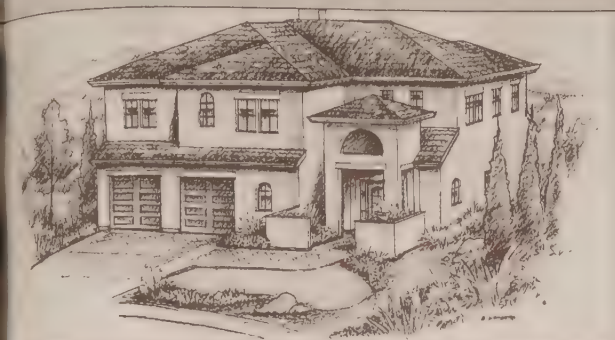
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Real Estate Focus

New construction in El Sobrante



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When: Tomorrow, 9 to 11:00 a.m.

Where: 1817 Second Street, Berkeley

Cost: Free

Registration: Required; call 510-649-2674 or sign up at www.truittandwhite.com.

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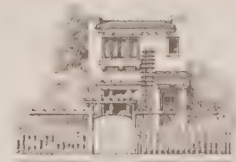
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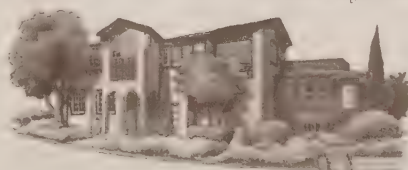
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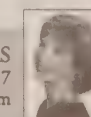


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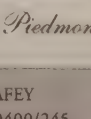
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Gough

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of the many who pay their taxes on an estimated basis throughout the year, be careful not to underpay or miss any payment deadlines. Either of these actions could trigger IRS penalties, costing you more than you need to pay.

Stipulate which securities lots to sell. When selling securities, unless you specify which shares you intend to sell — identified by their purchase date — the IRS will assume you are using the “first in, first out” method.

This means you would be selling the ones you have held the longest, which may have appreciated in price the most, and this type of arrangement will subject you to more capital gains taxes.

Take advantage of tax credits. You may be eligible for a wide variety of tax credits, so it is important to take a careful inventory and make sure you take advantage of every one that applies to you. Credits related to children, adoption, college education, or retirement savings contributions, just to name a few, could mean significant savings on your final tax bill.

Invest your refund. One of the most important savings decisions you make could come after the paperwork is all signed, sealed and delivered. When your refund check comes back in the mail, the temptation can be to spend it on something right away. Instead, use that money to fund your longer-term goals. For example, you could take advantage of the ability to automatically deposit your refund directly into your IRA.

Tax season may be several

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months away, but it's important to get your plan in place ahead of time to take advantage of every opportunity available. To find out about the other helpful tax saving strategies in the annual A.G. Edwards report, visit our web site at agedwards.com or call our office at 510-452-8060.

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Maxwell

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spurt, the Oakland Tribune says. It was the beginning of the Roaring Twenties and the City grew by 100,000 people.

Piedmont developers Burritt & Shealey used their experience building in that wealthy enclave to promise that Maxwell Park would look “just like sections of Piedmont.”

Two years later, the lots were sold, but Maxwell and his builders must have felt the pressure to finish what they started.

“Just pick up the phone and dial Fruitvale 2861. You’ll be connected to the Burritt & Shealey office at 2766 Kingsland Ave. in Oakland,” a July 1, 1923 Oakland Tribune advertisement advised. “Now is the time when families are planning to move. School is out and the move won’t interfere with the youngsters’ work.”

“The highest type of development work is being done,” Burritt & Shealey promised a few months later in its advertisement in the 1923 Oakland Tribune Yearbook.

In a Sept. 9, 1923 Tribune ad, a second Maxwell Park developer Arthur Bard & Co. promised to build you a home for just \$10 down. The company offered 50 different types of homes with features like hardwood floors, tiled baths and sinks, paneled walls and built-in tubs.

“It can be done now,” Bard’s ad urged Tribune readers.

That same year Maxwell Park emerged as what Sturm calls a “full-fledged neighborhood, joining the growing company of communities that began life during Oakland’s great house-building era.”

Read more about Oakland and its neighborhoods in Erlka Mailman’s book, “Oakland’s Neighborhoods.”

Are gas shut-off valves worth it?

BY LARRY GUILLOT
CORRESPONDENT

An automatic gas shut-off valve is a mechanism that can be installed on the house side of your gas meter. It is designed to cut the flow of gas to your home in the event of an earthquake. In previous quakes in California, gas lines to appliances snapped, gas built up in the house, and the resulting fire destroyed many homes.

MONTHLY QUAKE TIPS

There are plenty of people who have decided against having one installed, thinking that, if they smell gas after a serious quake, they can just turn off the gas themselves at the main shut-off valve near their meter.

This is a fine idea, if you can guarantee somebody will be home at the time of the quake. However, if the quake hits when everyone’s at work, or on an outing, or just gone from home, you may regret not having one.

It’s true that a moderate-sized quake can activate the valve, but the good ones these days are easy to re-set, and, in my opinion, the protection is worth the potential inconvenience. Our company uses two different brands, and there are at least three other manufacturers that have good products. Most plumbers can install for you, or go

to the yellow pages under “earthquake,” and you’ll find companies who do installations. Expect to pay anywhere from \$350-\$500.

Retrofits — a deep, dark secret?

Are you one of those folks who think that a retrofit is this huge, complicated project, which involves rebuilding your foundation and making major structural changes under your house?

If so, think again. In the majority of cases, a retrofit is really a pretty simple process that involves three basic stages:

- 1) The bracing of the cripple walls with plywood.
- 2) The bolting of the braced cripple walls to the foundation.
- 3) The attachment of the floor of the house to the braced cripple walls.

All three of these must be done properly for the retrofit to be effective in a serious quake. To learn more about the terminology and the steps involved, go to the best web-site I’ve ever seen on retrofits: www.bayarearetrofit.com

Remember, when the Hayward fault ruptures, there will be around 150,000 homes which will be uninhabitable.

Don’t let yours be one of them.

How much food and water?

If you’re someone who wants to be prepared for the major quake in

our future, you’ve probably done something about having food and water available for you and your family.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

1. Some disaster preparedness groups recommend having 3 days worth of food and water (1 gallon per person per day). I agree with the ones that say be ready for a full week (think Katrina).
2. I’ve never seen an emergency kit (including ours) that has enough food or water. You really need to supplement the kits.
3. The best plan for water is a 55 gallon barrel with a siphon, which you treat with bleach so it will last at least 5 years.
4. Have plenty of canned foods, which need to be regularly used and replaced.
5. Some folks have found a source on-line for MREs (Meals Ready to Eat), similar to the military products. We might add these to our web site in the future.

Do you know your elderly neighbors?

Developing an emergency after-quake plan with your neighbors is a great idea, and we’ll talk about it in a later QuakeTip. With our elderly neighbors, we especially want to know who:

1. Is mobility impaired
2. Cannot operate their gas shut-off if necessary

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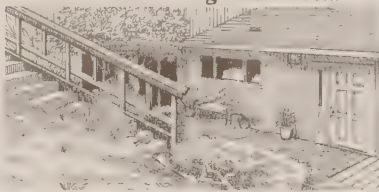
3. Has an emergency kit.
4. Has relatives/friends go to if necessary.
After the coming quake we will feel so much better having this information plus we may be able to help one who will truly be helped out.

Remember, even if your neighbors have family in the area, it could be many or even days, before you actually get to them. After a serious quake, we can’t will be massive road closures with no public transportation.

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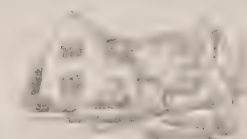
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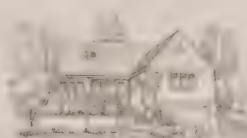
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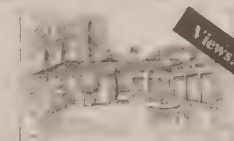
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Replace Windows Learn how to replace your old, leaky windows. Get the nuts and bolts on correctly moving and replacing your old windows. Hear about different styles

and how to choose the best one for your unique home. The class is 9 to 11 a.m., tomorrow, at 1817 Second St. in Berkeley. Reservations are required. Call 510-649-2674 or sign up at truitandwhite.com.

Find Homes "Hidden Homes Under \$500,000" is presented by Jonathan Fleming of RE/Max Executive and Sam Thompson of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Buyers can qualify for down payment and closing cost assistance programs. This free seminar is 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 28. Call the Hotline 888-681-7771 ext. 708 to reserve a spot.

Series "Your Home Team Advantage" (a group of professionals from home mortgage, insurance, title and real estate are teaming up to offer a series of homebuying seminars. The presenters are from Wells Fargo, Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors and Placer Title Company. The seminars will cover first-time, next-time and investment buying.

Each attendee receives a free credit report and gift. Ask about the date for the next class by calling 510-865-4192 ext. 300.

VA Loans

Good news for veterans. VA loans are more helpful than ever before. Once a primary property loan is paid off, the loan can be used again without selling the primary residence. Reservists could be eligible for VA loans. Those serving 90 days of active duty after August 1990 could qualify.

Building Ed

If you're handy around the house or want to learn how, the Building Education Center in Berkeley is the place for you. BEC provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. Topics cover power tools, concrete work, retrofitting, plumbing, interior design,

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BAR CANDIDATES

The Berkeley Association of Realtors presents the 2007 Candidate Forum, 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at the BAR Auditorium. Candidates running for office will discuss important local issues. Among the speakers scheduled to appear are Berkeley City Council Candidates Gordon Wozniak, Raudell Wilson and Merille Mitchell. Mayoral candidate Zeldia Bronstein is also expected. Make a reservation by calling 510-848-4288.

CALNFA CLASS

"Optimizing Your Client's Potential" is a class for real estate professionals, Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the Bay East AOR Conference Cen-

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The Oakland Association of Realtors supports the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The foundation provides college scholarships for high school students. Real estate agents designate contributions, at the close of escrow, for a special fund. A check for \$40,000 was presented to Brown at this year's OAR Inaugural. Brown was accompanied by three of the students. This year's goal is \$50,000. The chairs for 2008 Lois Harris and Shirley Covington, both of Prudential California Realty. To find out more about donating call 510-834-2010.

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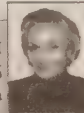
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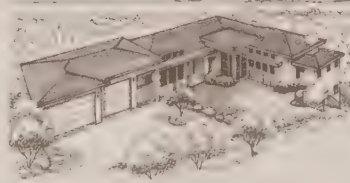
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Selling your home in today's market

BY SCOTT THOMPSON
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The media has been full of stories about the slowing housing market and although this kind of market normalization is commonplace in the real estate industry, there is a question that in many parts of the country, houses are currently on the market a little longer and there

house priced at just below market value attracts the interest of real estate professionals and buyers while overpricing chases them away.

more competition for buyers. Hire a professional: If you want to sell your home fairly quickly, now is the time to go at it alone. You want to make sure that your home has the maximum exposure and the best marketing strategy.

When you work with a qualified real estate professional, your home will be listed on a MLS database that all real estate professionals can access.

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When selecting someone to represent you, interview at least three real estate professionals who are familiar with your area. Ask questions such as: How will your home be marketed to reach the greatest number of buyers?

What price can they get for your home? What's the average time listings have been on the market? They should be able to back their answer with a Comparative Market Analysis and provide the price of two or three of their most recent sales who you may contact for reference.

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<p>Berkeley 4-Plexes 2931-2933 Stanton St.</p>  <p>Price Reduction! Side-by-side fourplexes on separate lots. All units are 2 bedrooms with eat-in kitchens. Best prices in Berkeley. Historic Lorin District. Excellent condition. Buy one or both.</p> <p>Anne Bruff \$769,000 each 510-594-7455 x200</p>	<p>Oakland Hills Apartments 8042 Greenridge Dr.</p>  <p>Fourplex in Oakland Hills. All units are good size 2 bedroom units located in area of new development. Fully occupied, upside in rent.</p> <p>Anne Bruff \$825,000 510-594-7455 x 200</p>	<p>Highland Heights 1433 E. 33rd St., Oakland</p>  <p>Great remodeled Bungalow near Highland hospital. 3/2 w/large backyard. Nicely landscaped & very nice inside. A great starter home.</p> <p>Fred Perkins \$499,000 510-594-7455 x202</p>
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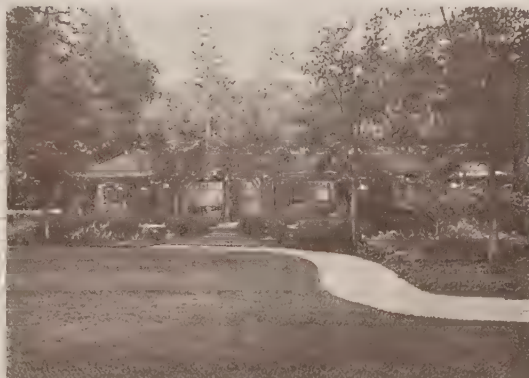
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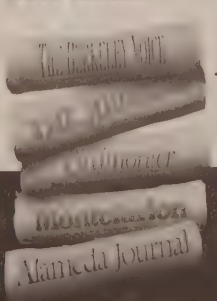
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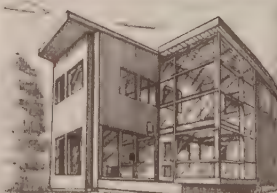
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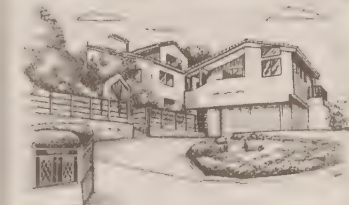
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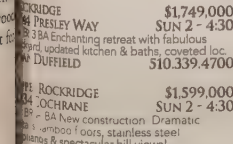
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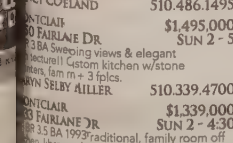
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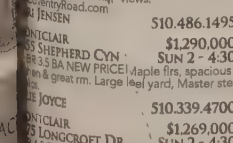
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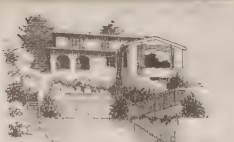
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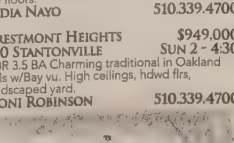
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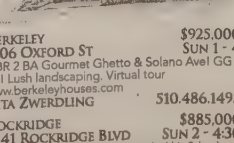
BERKELEY HILLS \$1,070,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
12 HILL RD
4 BR 2 BA Exceptional contemporary on near
level lot with bay views. Steps from Tilden Park
BARBARA HARDACRE
510.339.4700



MONTCLAIR \$1,045,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
6905 ELVERTON
4 BR 3 BA Open flr plan, soaring ceilings, Fr drs to
decks, kitchen/fam rm, hwdw, Bay view, luxury MBR
ZANNA KNIGHT
510.339.4700



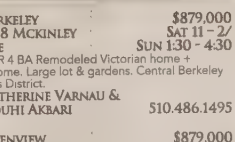
CHABOT HIGHLANDS \$979,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
9901 CALODEN LN
4+ BR 3 BA Custom contemporary, built at edge
of parkland w/separate office, very energy
efficient.
MARLENA S. LYONS
510.339.4700



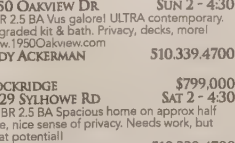
UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$950,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
5668 BUENA VISTA AVE
3 BR 2.5 BA Beautiful gourmet kitchen,
Plantation shutters, Golden Gate view & Italian
tile floors
LYDIA NAYO
510.339.4700

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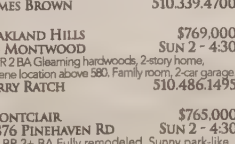
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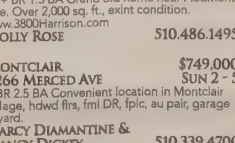
BERKELEY \$879,000
SAT 11 - 2/
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2118 MCKINLEY AVE
5 BR 4 BA Remodeled Victorian home +
income. Large lot & gardens. Central Berkeley
Arts District.
CATHERINE VARNAL &
ROUHI AKKARI
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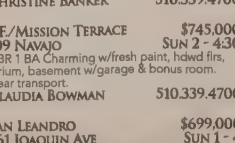
GLENVIEW \$879,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
3837 PARK BLVD
3 BR 2.5 BA Delightful urban oasis w/space &
light. Huge kitchen/family combo. Baths &
HWD flrs redone
BECKY ANDERSEN
510.339.4700



MONTCLAIR \$829,000
SUN 2 - 5
6802 GUNN DR
4 BR 3 BA Convenient location. Custom w/
hwdw flrs, high ceilings, au pair & views
www.6802Gunn.com
DONNA CONROY
510.339.4700



OAKMORE \$810,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
1950 OAKVIEW DR
3 BR 2.5 BA New construction. Ultra contemporary.
Upgraded kit & bath. Privacy, decks, more!
www.1950Oakview.com
JUDY ACKERMAN
510.339.4700



ROCKRIDGE \$799,000
SAT 2 - 4:30
2829 SYLHOWE RD
4+ BR 2.5 BA Spacious home on approx half
acre, nice sense of privacy. Needs work, but
great potential!
DARCY DIAMANTINE
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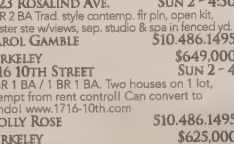
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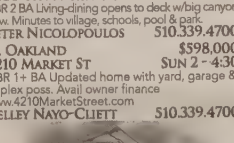
OAKMORE BORDER \$699,000
SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
3873 FRUITVALE
3 BR 2.5 BA HUGE yard & decks, updated
kitchen w/SS appls & wine cooler, garage
www.3873Fruitvale.com
JULIE JOYCE
510.339.4700



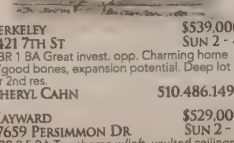
MONTCLAIR \$699,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
5765 BALBOA DR
2 BR 2 BA Verdant views, secluded w/level patio,
knotty pine den & space for potential expansion
BONNIE ROSS
510.339.4700



SEQUOYAH \$669,000
SUN 1 - 4
3660 CALAFIA AVE
2 BR 2 BA Gorgeous remodeled w/beautiful
touches throughout! Move right in!
Photos: TiffanyStechulte.com
TIFFANY STECHSULTE
510.339.4700



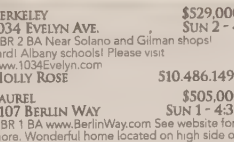
EL SOBRANTE \$669,000
SUN 2 - 4
4935 SANTA RITA RD
2 BR 2 BA Spacious house on El Sobrante/
Richmond border. Lovingly maintained
KIMIKO TERRY &
SEBASTIAN AGES
510.486.1495



LINCOLN HTS \$664,000
SUN 2 - 5
4021 COOLIDGE
2 BR 2 BA Mid-century clean lines & space
Updated kitchen & windows, 2 FP's, fam rm,
hot tub/garden
RACHEL BALLER
510.339.4700

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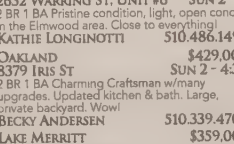
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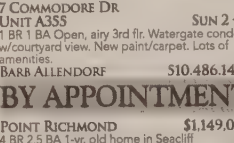
BERKELEY \$529,000
SUN 2 - 4
1034 EVELYN AVE
2 BR 2 BA Near Solano and Gilman shops!
Yard! Albany school! Please visit
www.1034Evelyn.com
HOLLY ROSE
510.486.1495



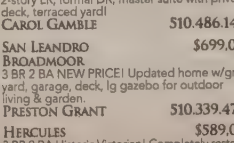
LAUREL \$505,000
SUN 1 - 4:30
3107 BERLIN WAY
2 BR 1 BA www.BerlinWay.com See website for
more. Wonderful home located on high side of
the street
JAMES BROWN
510.339.4700



OAKLAND/MILLSMONT \$485,000
SUN 1 - 4
6127 OUTLOOK AVE
2+ BR 1 BA Sweet bungalow ready to move
in. Hwdw flrs. Frplc in LR. 2+ mds ideal for
study/guest
GARY OLANDER
510.486.1495



OAKLAND/MILLSMONT \$479,000
SUN 2 - 4:30
3221 61ST AVE
3 BR 1 BA Updated bungalow w/bay windows,
back deck, remodeled kit. Over 1,300 sq. ft. A
must see!
LAURA ARECHIGA
510.486.1495



BERKELEY \$479,000
SAT/SUN 2 - 4
2300 EDWARDS ST
2 BR 1 BA Southwestern style home! Freshly
painted int & ext! Hwd flrs. Spacious updated
kit. Garage
TERRY ARECHIGA
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Finding suitable tenants

If you are in a hurry to fill a vacancy and do not take the time to properly check a tenant's credit history, references and background, you may be very sorry indeed within a short period of time. Bad tenants can become a problem for both landlords and neighborhoods. They also don't help the landlord's reputation, and contributes to the public perception that "some landlords rent to anyone."



CAROL MARTINO
Income Property Insider

Don't screen your prospective tenants and just go on your "instinct" or "a hunch" at your own peril. Inadequate screening is likely

THE DETAILS

Traditionally, the quarter days were the four dates in each year on which servants were hired and rents were due. They fell on religious festivals roughly three months apart: Lady Day (March 25), Midsummer Day (June 24), Michaelmas (Sept. 29) and Christmas (Dec. 25).

Rent, the Broadway show that is a modern-day/adaptation of the Puccini opera, *La Bohème*, may be the landlord's least favorite musical. Although it won the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for drama and several Tony Awards, in one song the characters sing, "We're not gonna pay, we're not gonna pay...last year's rent!"

The movie version of *Rent* (Warner Brothers) was filmed locally in Alameda, Oakland, San Francisco and on Treasure Island.

The word "rent" comes from Latin, from the word "render," as in "Render unto Caesar..."

to result in tenants who pay the rent late, or not at all; tenants who are likely to trash your property, move in undesirable friends or operate a gang or drug house on your property. Studies show that 90 percent of tenants who violate their rental agreements do so repeatedly.

Take the time to chat with your prospective tenant as he or she is filling out the application, or turning it in. Ask about any areas that are left blank or incomplete. Get more than one reference and call to verify. And don't be a cheapskate when it comes to credit checks. You must do it or you may be the one who is out a few months' rent.

Make sure you are following legal guidelines when it comes to tenant qualification. You know that you cannot discriminate on the basis of gender, race, creed or age. But a poor financial risk is something you can screen out. You can choose to accept personal checks, or be safer and only accept money orders or cashier's checks. Some landlords are now accepting rent as electronic transfers on the first of the month—which saves a lot of headaches and "lost checks" in the mail. Talk to your bank about how to make that work for you and your tenants.

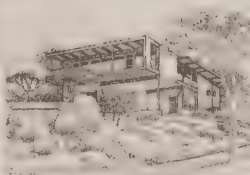
Also, from the start, have in place a delinquency policy, including standards such as full rent due on the first day of the month, late fees for past due rents, and when five or seven days past due, notice to pay rent or vacate.

If you are a new landlord, consider getting a mentor to help you through some of the pitfalls and tough spots, particularly around bringing in new renters. There are also classes and books available to help you set guidelines, uphold them and keep your property prospering.

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735 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

New listing! Mid-century home on quiet street in the hills. Clean lines, great light, fabulous views! 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, updated kitchen. w/ stainless steel appliances, bamboo floor. Gorgeous hardwood floors throughout. Private back garden. Covered parking. Abundant storage. www.735Cragmont.com

Arlene Baxter x19

\$855,000



2530 Mira Vista Dr., El Cerrito

By Appointment

That rare find - a gorgeous contemporary home with dramatic spaces, high ceilings, modern construction details nestled in a long-established, charming neighborhood. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, family room, formal dining room, spacious master suite, all views, great light, 2-car garage and more. www.2530Mira.com

Peter Damm x13

\$849,000



1509 McGee Ave., Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New listing! Delightful English-style 1926 home, w/ 4 bedrooms plus an attic bonus room w/skylight. 2 new tiled baths, formal dining room, comfortable living room, w/decorative early Californian tile front. Sunny kitchen. w/skylights & ample storage. French doors from bedroom out to garden, patio and play area. Beautiful hardwood floors and garage w/interior access. Near shops, transportation and parks.

Mary Lou Allen x53

\$829,000



853 Colusa, Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New listing! Sunny Craftsman in fabulous location. Wonderful detail. Freshly painted. Beautiful living room w/ fireplace & bookcase. Large dining room w/ buffet. Kitchen w/ breakfast nook. Laundry porch leads to a backyard. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, updated master bath. Move in and enjoy! www.853Colusa.com

Maya Trilling x18

\$750,000



2729 Grant Ave., Richmond N. & E.

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

This gorgeous split-level 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Tudor has been tastefully updated while retaining that old-world charm. The neighborhood has maintained its appeal for decades. The house has a large, fenced backyard, an artist studio, a storage shed, ivy landscaping, a 2-car garage, hardwood floors, tiled kitchen and baths, lots of windows, light and a beautiful wood-burning fireplace. This home is truly in move-in condition.

Chris & Sandy x54

\$529,000



3129 Clinton, Richmond N & E

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New listing! 2+ bedroom, large living room, remodeled kitchen and breakfast nook, laundry room, French doors to big yard and patio. Double pane windows, hardwood floors, freshly painted inside. Multi-use 2-car garage. Ready for new owners! Watch them fix it www.myrealtygirl.com. Great price!

Jean Auka x16

\$430,000

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BERKELEY \$2,650,000
Connoisseur's Home Exceptional 5bd/4.5ba luxury home privately nestled at the end of a cul-de-sac in the Claremont Hills. Riveting views.

ANDREA GORDON 510.339.8900



ALAMEDA \$1,274,950
Stunning 1912 Charming. Gorgeous Craftsman on corner lot with 4bd/4ba, remodeled kitchen/baths, bonus room, loft, 2-car detached garage.

STEVEN STRATTON 510.899.8000



OAKLAND \$897,000
Level-In Contemporary. Wonderful views in Piedmont Pines. 3bd/2ba with large living room, 2 FPs, large family room, 3 expansive decks.

ALAMEDA

\$825,000 4BD/4BA BUENA VISTA AVE! 4BD/4BA UPDATED QUEEN ANNE. LOVELY KITCHEN, MASTER BEDROOM AND MUCH MORE. ANDREA GORDON 510.339.8900

BERKELEY

\$799,000 3BD/2BA GRIZZLY PEAK BLVD BIG PRICE REDUCTION! MID-CENTURY CLASSIC. MULTILEVEL ENTERTAINING DECKS. TOM ERWIN 510.339.8900

OAKLAND

\$765,000 2+BD/2BA ZINN DR ARCHITECT DESIGN, LOVINGLY RESTORED. 2+BD/2BA, GRANITE KITCHEN, BAY VIEW. HAL CASTLE 510.899.8000

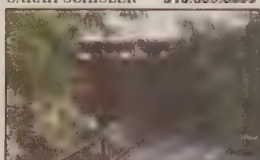
\$729,000 2BD/1BA SARONI DR 1940'S TRADITIONAL LEVEL LOT, LANDSCAPED WITH PATIOS, HARDWOOD, NEW GAS KITCHEN. HAL CASTLE 510.899.8000

LOIS JOHNSON 510.339.8900



OAKLAND \$1,800,000
Investment Opportunity. 4 vacant 2bd/1ba units, already rehabbed and converted into condos. Art Deco style with garages and views.

SARAH SCHISLER 510.899.8000



BERKELEY \$1,260,000
Modern Details. Dramatic 5+bd/4ba home features an open floor plan, tastefully remodeled kitchen, and walls of glass, bringing the outside in.

HAL CASTLE 510.899.8000



OAKLAND \$849,000
Montclair Traditional. Sunny and private updated 4bd/2.5ba, gourmet kitchen, adjacent FR, formal DR, hardwood floors and 2 fireplaces.

OAKLAND

\$589,000 DUPLEX RANSOM AVE CHARMING 2100+/SF CRAFTSMAN WITH PERIOD DETAILS, FORMAL DR, HARDWOOD FLOORS, FP. HEATHER GONZALEZ 510.339.8900

\$575,000 2BD/1BA MILLSBRAE AVE LR WITH SOARING CEILINGS AND FP FORMAL DR, IMMENSE BACKYARD, HARDWOOD FLOORS. JODY DWORZAK 510.339.8900

\$548,888 3BD/2BA 16TH STREET THIS QUIANT AND CHARMING SINGLE FAMILY HOME HAS MANY GREAT FEATURES. KARL SCHONIAN 510.899.8000

\$545,000 2BD/1+BA COVENT LN SPACIOUS TOWNHOUSE, 1330+/SF, 2BD/1+BA. GATED HOME. GREAT FLOOR PLAN. DENISE CORONADO 510.339.8900

KELLY DEAL 510.899.8000



OAKLAND \$1,610,000
Wonderful Bay Views. Ideally located in Piedmont Pines, abutting parkland, sheltered by majestic trees, this charming, light-filled bayview home.

GAYLE TANTAU 510.339.8900



BERKELEY \$1,069,000
Dramatic Contemporary. This new listing is a dramatic 3+bd/3ba contemporary in the Claremont Hills with panoramic canyon views.

HELEN NICHOLAS 510.339.8900



OAKLAND \$839,000
Piedmont Pines Privacy. Located just minutes from Montclair Village this home is open and bright with 3bd/2ba, FR, formal DR, 2-car garage.

OAKLAND

\$541,250 2BD/1BA GREENLY DR WONDERFUL HOME WITH VIEWS OF THE OAKLAND HILLS. DETACHED BONUS BUILDING. LYDIA PULLER 510.899.8000

\$499,000 1BD/1BA STATEN AVE ATTRACTIVE CONDO, NEWLY PAINTED, GARAGE PARKING, HIGHLY DESIRABLE, GREAT SERVICE. ANDREA GORDON 510.339.8900

\$489,000 4BD/2BA 87TH AVE HOME ON A LARGE FENCED LOT. LOCATED CLOSE TO SHOPS AND TRANSPORTATION. ELISA AGUILAR 510.339.8900

\$448,000 2BD/1BA PARK BLVD FABULOUS ART DECO INFLUENCED UNITS WITH NEW KITCHENS, NEW ROOF, LOVELY VIEW. LOIS JOHNSON 510.339.8900

MEL COPLAND 510.339.8900



OAKLAND \$1,395,000
1930 Spanish Mediterranean. The home is nestled in foliage on a double lot in a private oasis. Flagstone patio with a FP, hot tub, 2 large decks.

SARAH SCHISLER 510.899.8000



PLEASANT HILL \$899,000
Exceptional Private Retreat. Tastefully remodeled 3+bd/3ba home in Port. Corner with detached cottage ideal for office. Backyard oasis with pool.

HELEN NICHOLAS 510.339.8900



OAKLAND \$820,000
Mid-Century Modern. At end of tree-lined street. 5bd/2.5ba w/ great room, stone FP, rich paneling, recreation room on lower level.

OAKLAND

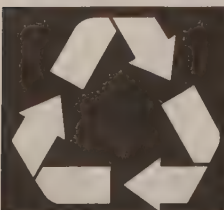
\$499,000 4 UNITS 84TH AVE EACH UNIT HAS TWO BEDROOMS AND ONE BATH. EXCELLENT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. ELISA AGUILAR 510.339.8900

\$425,000 2BD/1BA 106TH AVE LOCATED ON OAKLAND/SAN LEANDRO BORDER. SUNNY BACKYARD WITH GARDEN. MUST SEE! JODY DWORZAK 510.339.8900

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\$399,000 DUPLEX 80KMAN RD VICTORIAN DUPLEX, W/1-2 ZONING. LARGE 3RD UNIT WITH COUNTY APPROVAL. GAYLE LANGSTON 510.339.8900

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Get rid of the clutter.
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ing your home inspected, and
any recommended repairs.
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side not to fix, inform the buyers
about the condition of your home
and discount the repair cost from
the selling price.

Curb appeal: Don't overlook
the outside of your property. You
don't want a buyer to rule out
your home based on the outside
appearance. The lawn should be
trimmed, bushes and shrubs
pruned, and leaves raked.

The front of the house needs a

clean, fresh appearance. Even the
mailbox needs to be attractive and
functional. (Believe it or not, a
rusty, unhinged mailbox can turn
potential buyers off.) And don't
forget to put away bicycles, toys
and other items that may make
your property seem cluttered.

Offer incentives: Offering in-
centives can be just the impetus
a potential buyer needs to select
your property over others. You

may want to consider offering a
carpet or paint allowance. If the
buyer knows up front that there is
an allowance for the worn carpet
or paint, they may overlook those
cosmetic flaws in order to choose
their own color.

You could pay for a profes-
sional home inspection or a
home warranty—and, depend-
ing on your market and budget,
offer to pay some closing costs.

Don't be discouraged if there
are competing homes for sale in
your neighborhood. Making the
right moves at the beginning of
your home selling process can give
you the upper-hand you'll need in
today's competitive market.

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man service, garage parking and so
much more. Great location for walking
to shops, restaurants, transportation or
a stroll around the lake.

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New Listing! Beautiful Tudor located in the desirable Oakmore district.
Three bedrooms, two and a half bath. Conveniently located. Walk to
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Oakmore Rd. . . one of the prettiest streets in Oakmore. The dramatic
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hearth. Formal dining room, updated kitchen with granite and remodeled
bathrooms. Family room looks out to Sausal Creek. Simply wonderful! For
more information and photos please go to www.4071OakmoreRd.com

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7777 SKYLINE BOULEVARD IN MONTCLAIR

This four plus bedroom, three bath contemporary offers the best of modern
living within the peaceful seclusion of a gorgeous wooded setting. Boasting an
open floor plan with 3300 sq ft of living space, there is no shortage of
space. Sophisticated and elegant, this home offers details such as bamboo
floors, cook's kitchen with granite counters & stainless steel appliances, master
bedroom suite with stunning master bathroom, au pair with separate entrance
and family room, great room with fireplace, french doors that lead to the
spacious deck, Bay and hillside views, and more.

OFFERED AT \$985,000



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8367 GOLF LINKS ROAD IN OAKLAND

New Listing! So cute and so affordable. The perfect starter home for a first
time home buyer. This two bedroom, one bath home has been beautifully
remodeled and is ready for you to move right in. Newly painted in a pallet
of soothing decorator colors, beautifully landscaped gardens and freeway
access only minutes away this is the home you've been waiting for. For
more information and photos please go to www.8367GolfLinksRd.com

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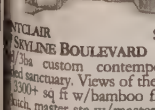
Contemporary Mediterranean.

5000+ sq ft w/ spectacular SF views, spa-

room, lg kitchen w/courtyard

OPEN SUN 2-4

Morgan-Austin 339.4000-899.6395



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SKYLINE BOULEVARD

4000+ sq ft custom contemporary in

sanctuary. Views of the Bay and

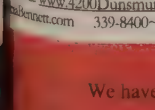
3000+ sq ft w/ bamboo flrs, gour-

trimmed, master ste w/master bath, au

pair entrance & family room.

OPEN SUN 2-4:30 See photos at:

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WOOD HEIGHTS \$929,000

DUNSMUIR AVE

Completely remodeled of 1940 classic home.

OAKMORE \$799,000

4071 OAKMORE ROAD

NEW LISTING! Fabulous 3bd/2.5ba

Oakmore Tudor. Beautiful random plank

hwd flrs, updated kit w/granite, remode-

led bath, and family room looking out on

Sausal Creek. www.4071OakmoreRd.com

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PIEDMONT AVENUE \$599,000

1808 PLEASANT VALLEY AVE

Urban oasis, 2bd/1ba w/HWF's,

updated kitchen, bath, private rear

garden. Walk to Piedmont Ave shops

& restaurants. Custom painting in/out.

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LAUREL \$465,000

2929 VIOLA STREET

Updated 2+1 starter. Granite coun-

ters, tile floor, new cabinets; all dual

pane windows; new carpet. Detached

studio, big bklyd, garage & tandem

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JUST SOLD IN THE HEART OF ROCKRIDGE!

6456-6458 Regent Street, Oakland

This spacious 1910 duplex features many original charming details plus a large unfinished attic. Opportunity awaits this 3+BR/4BA property in a coveted location.

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STABLELY ELWOOD BROWN SHINGLE

Beautiful windows and craftsman details. Sunny, easy care garden. Room for expansion. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths.



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6086 VALLEY VIEW ROAD
Offered at \$893,000
Sold for \$873,000
Represented the Buyer



6624 ASCOT DRIVE
Offered at \$719,000
Sold with multiple offers at \$732,000
Represented the Seller



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OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2-4:30PM

Spectacular 1908 Craftsman bungalow on large, wooded lot in historic Glen Echo district near Piedmont Avenue. Lovely period details; grand formal rooms, dining room with French doors set into curved bay open to veranda, cozy inglenook with stone fireplace and built-in seating. Second story master bedroom suite has been converted to separate 1BR/1BA unit; main level with 2+BR/3BA.



3070 Richmond Boulevard, Oakland
Offered at \$870,000



Dolores Thom
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sunday

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Stylish and gorgeous bungalow in heart of Rockridge! Spacious and light! Three bedrooms, one bath. Eat-in kitchen opens to professionally landscaped gardens. Fabulous 2003 architect designed studio with bath and loft. Hip and sophisticated.
Offered at \$920,000



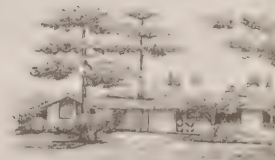
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Lovely level-in three bedroom, three bath Montclair contemporary with south Bay views.
Originally offered at \$825,000
Represented the sellers



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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. 1950's Modern-stylish and inviting home. Three bedrooms and two baths. Close to Village shops & exceptional Hilltop School. Excellent proximity to S.F. and Marin. Sunny garden. Attached two-car garage with interior access.
Offered at \$835,000



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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. This three bedroom and two and one-half bath Crocker Traditional plus a family room has been well-maintained including recent updates to the kitchen such as new hardwood floors and granite counters. A master suite with a private bath and deck lead to the rear gardens.
NEW PRICE! \$1,195,000



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BERKELEY HILLS/TILDEN ~ 60 SUNSET LANE, BERKELEY

Spacious, updated contemporary 4-5 BR, 3 BA home with great layout, ample parking, fabulous decks and patios. Fully landscaped .25+ acre lot with level lawn and private, gorgeous gardens. Hardwood floors throughout. Wonderful Tilden Park hills location and views. Ready for new owners, full inspections complete. True indoor/outdoor entertainment and enjoyment!

Offered for \$1,185,000

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NEW OAKLAND HILLS LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2-4:30PM



1580 Grand View Drive, Oakland
Offered at \$2,050,000

Dee Knowland
510.338.1318

This exceptional 4BR/3.5BA Mediterranean inspired home in the coveted Oakland/Berkeley Hills features unparalleled views of downtown San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge from two decks. The gourmet kitchen has top of the line appliances; Viking, Bosch, Fisher/Paykel and an adjoining family room. With an attention to detail and fine craftsmanship, old world charm is enhanced by new technology. Features include: an elevator, 5 fireplaces, sauna, climate controlled wine cellar, and a media/game room. This newly constructed home embodies luxurious living at its best.

NEW BERKELEY LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2-4:30PM



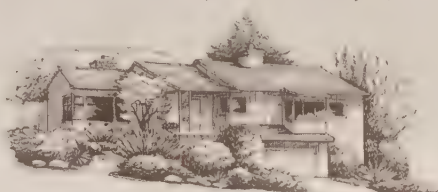
1994 Marin Avenue, Berkeley
Offered at \$789,000

This craftsman-era home was one of the earliest homes built in the area and features wonderful period detail and charm just waiting for renovation and updating. From the minute you step into the level-in entry, you notice hardwood floors, a versatile two-story floor plan with good-sized rooms ideal for relaxing and entertaining. Transform this home into a study of original character with modern conveniences. Go to www.jeffreyneidleman.com.



Jeffrey Neidleman
510.338.1385

NEW REDWOOD HEIGHTS LISTING FIRST OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1-5PM



3396 Herrier Street, Oakland
Offered at \$739,000

Diane E. McCan
510.338.1352

Gorgeous bay & city views from this spacious 3 bedroom traditional. All 3 bedrooms on main level with stunning hardwood floors, distinct architectural detailing and large sun-filled rooms. Downstairs rooms include a fantastic family room, laundry room, oversized half bath, storage and interior access from 2-car garage. Lovely secluded patio and garden. A very special place to call home.



Joan Dark
510.338.1316

PIEDMONT AVENUE AREA OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2-4:30PM



16 Rio Vista Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$539,000

This sweet cottage was being built as horses and buggies clopped along down Rio Vista, getting ready for the very steep hill up to Fairmount Avenue. The hill was closed to traffic, but this cottage still stands almost 100 years later, ready for new owners. It has a newer kitchen, comfy living room, and dining room downstairs, 2 sunny bedrooms and a deck upstairs, which overlooks the big grassy back yard. There's a garage and parking for 2 cars besides. All a block from historic and bustling Piedmont Avenue!

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

OAKLAND HILLS \$3,995,000
4615 ROCKINGHAM CT.
Fullmark of modern art and workmanship. Spectacular 4 bridge views. Grand courtyard. Quiet cul-de-sac. Sumptuous theater and wine cellar. 6+BR/6+BA. David Ichikawa x1331

CLAREMONT PINES \$1,495,000
6122 ACACIA AVE.
5BR/3.5BA Mediterranean home in coveted neighborhood. Spacious formal rooms & elegant entry. Chef's kitchen/family room w/French doors. Dee Knowland x1318

OAKLAND HILLS \$896,000
4959 STONERIDGE CT.
Spacious 4BR/3BA Ridgeman home built in 1988. 3-car garage, deck, level yard. Beautiful canyon views. Freshly painted. Located on peaceful cul-de-sac. Leslie Easterday x1363

ALAMEDA \$719,000
3237 LIBERTY AVE. (Open 1:30-4)
New Listing! Charming East End craftsman home w/period details. Tastefully updated kitchen & baths. Master bedroom has versatile plus space. Den, landscaped yards. Jeffrey Neidleman x1385

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$625,000
738 MANDANA BLVD.
Chic 1920's bungalow in prime location. 3+BR/1BA, updated kitchen & bath, gleaming hardwood floors, fireplace, deck, new windows & doors. Nancy Moore x1302

CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,348,000
7111 NORFOLK RD.
Spectacular view contemporary home designed by Phil Perkins. 4+BR/4.5BA, open living & dining areas, slate terraces, wired media rooms, home office. Ashley O'Neill x1368

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,449,000
1999 TUNNEL RD.
New price! Brand new Richard Janzen designed custom contemporary. 4BR/3.5BA, elevator, separate guest or office suite, gourmet kitchen, level indoor/outdoor living areas. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

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LAFAYETTE \$1,945,000
3966 QUAIL RIDGE RD. (Open 1-4)
Price reduced! Ultra-sleek contemporary remodeled with an inspired eclectic flair. Unique stainless steel entry, stone floors, chef's kitchen. Glass-walled lab, pool & sweeping views. Steven Biasatti x1379

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,249,000
6357 BROOKSIDE AVE.
Beautiful Mark Becker designed 4BR/3.5BA Mediterranean built in 2000. Gourmet eat-in kitchen, formal dining room level-out to garden & patio. Dee Knowland x1318

PIEDMONT \$889,000
1609 GRAND AVE.
New Listing! Recently renovated classic 3BR/2BA home on level lot. Wonderful architectural details, gleaming hardwood floors. Large yard, attached garage. Martha Holstlaw x1312

SAN LEANDRO \$699,000
818 COLLIER DR. (Open 1-4)
Spacious Estudillo Estates traditional. Hardwood floors & original wood detailing. 3BR/1+BA, very large formal dining & living rooms, breakfast room, garage. Donna DeBardi x1374

DIMOND \$619,000
3539 BOSTON AVE.
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Adorable craftsman bungalow lovingly restored. Decorator colors, fireplace, hardwood floors, lovely yard. Jackie Care x1378

BERKELEY \$1,895,000
61 MILLER AVE.
Fully magical home built by David Wilson in 1993. Exceptional architecture, exquisite finishes & glorious views of GG Bridge & Mt. Tam. Secluded & serene. 5BR/3.5BA. Erika Celestre x1370

MONTCLAIR \$969,000
5977 HARBOR DR.
Elegant & charming 4BR/2.5BA home located on the Piedmont side of Montclair. Soaring ceilings, skylights, canyon views from most rooms. Large lot. Keith Tollas x1382

PIEDMONT AVENUE \$870,000
3070 RICHMOND BLVD.
Spectacular 1908 craftsman. Grand formal rooms, beautifully remodeled kitchen, inglenook w/stone fireplace & built-in seating. Separate 1BR/1BA unit up main level 2+BR/3BA. Lorri Anzi x1330

BERKELEY \$699,000
1600 FAIRVIEW ST.
5BR/3BA. Beautiful Victorian on extra large sunny lot. Near BART. High ceilings, fireplace, hardwood. Duplex or large home + income. Nancy Noman x1373

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$579,000
51 TERALYNN CT.
Stylish 2-story townhouse w/outstanding South Bay views. Large open living room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace, spacious kitchen & dining area, 2BR/2.5BA. Lori Lombardo x1377

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586 BACON RD.
New price! Custom built traditional on 1+ acre. Gourmet kitchen w/family room. 4+BR/4BA. Pool & expansive indoor-outdoor space. Dick Cohen x1308 & Sandi Klemmer x1314

MONTCLAIR \$949,000
7290 WOODROW DR.
Custom contemporary w/spacious ceilings, beautiful warm wood detailing, soaring rooms, large windows, tree views. 3BR/2.5BA, den. Near bike & pedestrian trail to Village. Teri Carlisle x1305

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$799,000
3121 JORDAN AVE.
Beautifully remodeled 3BR/2.5BA contemporary in creekside setting. Gourmet kitchen, updated baths, hardwood floors. Expansive decks. In-law unit. Joanna Hirsch x1366

LAUREL \$699,000
3001 WISCONSIN ST.
Charming 1934 English Tudor with all the amenities of a newer home. 3BR/1+BA, large kitchen, breakfast room, formal dining, hardwood floors, fireplace. Yard w/hot tub. Kathy Flynn x1317

JACK LONDON SQUARE \$509,000
201 4TH ST. #412 (Open Sat & Sun)
New price! Sophisticated loft. Bright 2BR/1.5BA unit w/high ceilings & concrete floors. Kitchen & baths w/nice finishes. Near transportation & shops. Dan Joy x1304

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MONTCLAIR \$749,000
1145 GLENCOURT DR. (Open 2-5)
3BR/2BA 1950's contemporary. Open beam "great room" w/walls of glass overlooking a lush setting. Large bedrooms, level yard, updated kitchen, hot tub. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

JACK LONDON SQUARE \$629,000
201 4TH ST. #411 (Open Sat & Sun)
Price reduced! Sophisticated loft living from this bright 2BR/2BA corner unit. Custom upgrades & finishes. Beautifully painted, hi-end lighting, granite counters. Dan Joy x1304

GRAND LAKE \$249,000
455 CRESCENT ST. #118
New Listing! 1BR/1BA condo. Spacious & convenient. Secluded & peaceful location near the Rose Garden & Grand/Lakeshore avenues. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

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BERKELEY \$975,000
Lovely Elmwood brown shingle. Beautiful windows and craftsman details. Sunny, easy care garden. Room for expansion. 4BR/2BA. Rick McPhail x1336

BERKELEY \$799,000
Charming two-story Craftsman near Gourmet Ghetto. Remodeled kitchen. Cozy study. Pretty garden. 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Nancy Noman x1373

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$735,000
Traditional 3BR/1BA home with separate living & dining rooms. Sensibly arranged kitchen with eat-in breakfast area. Conveniently located. Jeffrey Neidleman x1385

BERKELEY \$599,000
\$51K price reduction. Fabulous 3 story live/work condo with deck & patio. Dramatic, high ceiling, light filled. Near 4th Street shops & transportation. Nancy Noman x1373

EL SOBRANTE \$495,000
Spacious inviting 3BR/2BA home nicely updated. Fireplace, country kitchen, family room, gleaming hardwood floors, lovely garden. Leslie Avant x1341

NORTH BERKELEY \$924,500
Conservatory sale contingent upon court consent hearing scheduled for October 24, 2006. The first overbid must be \$924,500, "as is" and non-contingent. Tour @ GiniEnd.com x1339

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$739,000
Delightful 3BR/2BA home in Trestle Glen area. Upgraded kitchen with sliding glass doors, spacious master bedroom, large basement, garage. Dolores Thom x1364

TEMESCAL \$559,000
Three year old 2BR/2BA townhouse. Fenced front yard, beautiful floors, abundant storage space, double-paned windows, washer/dryer, 1-car attached garage. Jeffrey Neidleman x1385

UPPER DIMOND \$495,000
Classic 2BR/1BA bungalow w/many extra features. Generous updated kitchen/family room combo. Renovated bathroom, fully fenced back yard. Tom Nemeth x1381

ADAMS POINT \$225,000
Price reduced! Sophisticated Zen Alcove Studio - West Elm meets Ikea. Newer kitchen, updated bathroom, newer carpet, freshly painted in designer colors. Peaceful patio. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

Adding neighbor to home title might be a major mistake

Dear Bob: I added my neighbor and his wife as joint tenants with right of survivorship to my home, intending to leave it to them when I die. Will this create a tax problem for them? — **Don W.**

Dear Don: Why would you do a crazy thing like that? Yes, it was a major mistake.

You gave up control over your property in case you need to sell it to pay for your care at the old folks home. If you decide to sell it, they can demand their share of the sales proceeds. Worse, they can refuse to sell and you would have to bring a partition lawsuit to force a sale, with them getting two-thirds of the sales proceeds.

Still worse, as gift donees, their basis in the property becomes your probably very low adjusted cost basis. When they eventually decide to sell, they will owe a substantial capital gains tax.

Even worse, by deeding part of your property away, the local tax assessor will probably reassess the property value, forcing you to pay much higher property taxes.

Instead, you could have created a revocable living trust and named your neighbors to receive your title after you die. Meanwhile, you would maintain 100 percent control, including the ability to sell if you desire.

More important, after the neighbors inherit your property they get a new stepped-up basis to market value on the date of your death and will owe little or no capital gain tax if they sell shortly thereafter.

Sorry to bring such very bad news. You should have consulted a local real estate or tax attorney before making that major mistake.

Where to learn about flipping properties

Dear Bob: I am new to real estate and am interested in "flipping" properties. Where can I learn about getting rid of purchased properties and how can I sell them for fast profits? How can I be sure I won't get stuck and have to pay the taxes plus property maintenance? — **Daniel R.**

Dear Daniel: I suggest you study a great new book "Find It, Fix It, Flip It" by Michael Corbett. Read it twice so you thoroughly understand how to profitably flip houses. It is available in stock or by special order at local bookstores, public libraries and on the Internet.

Silly question has a very serious answer

Dear Bob: Here is a silly question for you. You mentioned several times that when a group of individuals owns and occupies a house, such as three roommates buying a house together, they each will be entitled to a \$250,000 principal-residence-sale tax exemption if they each meet the 24-out-of-last-60-months ownership and occupancy test. Would the same condition apply if I place my 7-year-old son on the deed to my home? Will each co-owner then be entitled to \$250,000 tax-free capital gains after living in it for 24 of the 60 months before the sale? — **Richmond T.**

Dear Richmond: Yes. But there are major pitfalls of adding a minor's name to a real estate title.

When you and your wife decide to sell your home, unless your son is then 18 or older, you must have a court-appointed guardian to represent his interests.

Perhaps that guardian might decide his share of the sales proceeds should be held in trust until he becomes 18 (or 21, or some other age). I do not recommend doing what you contemplate.

Please remember the rule is minors can receive real estate title, but they cannot convey title until they become 18.

If you don't pay the bills, you don't get the deductions

Dear Bob: My life partner and I bought our home as tenants in common. But I make all the mortgage payments, as I earn most of the income. Can I deduct all the mortgage payments or do they have to be split between the two of us? — **Michael S.**

Dear Michael: Itemized income tax deductions for principal-residence mortgage interest and property taxes depend on who actually paid the payments.

If you pay 100 percent of those expenses, only you can deduct those costs you paid. However, if you pay 75 percent and your co-owner pays 25 percent, then you each get to deduct only the amounts you each paid. For more details, consult your tax adviser.



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Appealing 2+BR/1BA home has Golden Gate Bridge views. In close distance to BART & shops. Spacious room can be used as study, den or Charming backyard w/2 levels of

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2718 Sonoma St. El Cerrito
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One area many homeowners overlook is their garage door. A garage door opening is basically a very large hole in your home. If your garage is attached to your home, that means any air in the garage can travel through the doorway into your house. An insulated garage door helps keep outside temperatures out of your garage, thus, out of your house.

"If you have a room above your garage, an insulated door could make a difference in the temperature of that room," notes Keith Tolbert of Amarr Garage Doors. Air can travel through the ceiling of the garage into the floor of the room above. An insulated door will keep temperatures in the garage fairly stable and help reduce the temperature fluctuation in the room.

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Although Amarr offers a wide variety of steel doors, the steel carriage house style garage doors have be-

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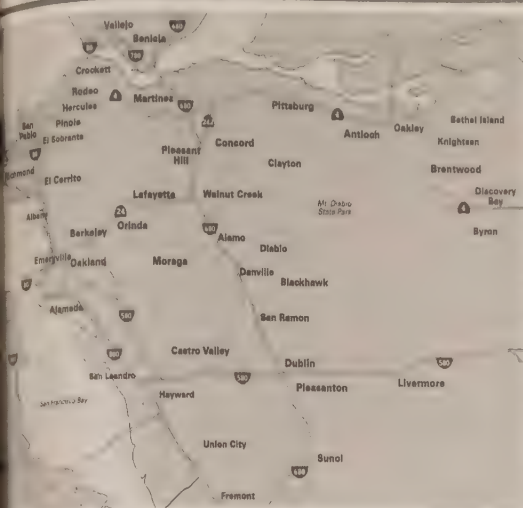
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3520 Bowman Court 2BD/2BA Sun 2-5 Coventant Realty Lucila Sanchez	605 Glenwood Isle 3 BD/2 BA Sun 11-1 South Shore Harbor Bay Realty Martha Turner
991 Park Street 3 BD/2 BA Sun 2-4:30 Real Estate Billy Ho	1341 Versailles Ave. 2 Units Sun 2-4:30 East End Harbor Bay Realty Brooke Abbasi
1042 Jost Lane 4BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4 Garden Isle 510-748-1165 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Darryl & Yolanda Freeman	5 Invincible Court 3BD/3BA Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates 510-531-2274 Wendy Sanda
1107 Central Ave 2bd/1ba Sun 2-4 Kathleen Wilson	2601 Calhoun Street 4BD/3BA Sat 1-4 East End Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Steve DiGiulio
1100 High St. 2+BD/1BA Sun 2-4 & Associates Karen Kellenberger	1169 Hillery Way 799,888 Sun 2:30-4:30 Bay Farm Island Realty World Carol Martino

Alameda
\$819,000 1534 Sherman St. 3 BD/2.5 BA Sat 2-4 Central Alameda Harbor Bay Realty Karen Miller
\$820,000 1605 Buena Vista Ave. 3 or 4BD Sun 2-4 Central Alameda Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Pacita Dimicalli
\$829,000 31 Cove Rd. 3 BD/2.5 BA Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle Harbor Bay Realty Eunice Edwards
\$839,900 2811 Windsor Dr. 3 BD/2.5 BA Sat/Sun 2-4 East End 510-814-4882/514-4873 HarborBay Realty Antoinette Paulino/Lisa Horbeck
\$839,900 2811 Windsor Dr. 3 BD/2.5 BA Sat/Sun 2-4 East End 510-814-4882/514-4873 HarborBay Realty Antoinette Paulino/Lisa Horbeck
\$840,000 449 Indian Bay 3 BD/2.5 BA Sun 2-4:30 Bayside Real Estate Colleen McFerrin
\$859,000 1 Ferro Court 4BD/2BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates 510-483-1676 Krystyna Nowak
\$874,000 568 Central Ave. 2 Units Sun 2-4 West End Harbor Bay Realty Richard Kim
\$909,000 3270 Adams St. 3+ BD/3 BA Sat 2-4 Bayside RE Quinn Stone
\$925,000 1523 Encinal Ave. 2BD/1BA Sun 2-4 Off Gold Coast Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Jim Nations
\$929,000 128 Anderson Rd. 4 BD/2.5 BA Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle 510-814-4821/514-4848 Harbor Bay Realty Elaine Miller/Ringo Liu
\$950,000 3226 Thompson Avenue 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 East End The Grubb Co. Ann Van Dyke
\$954,000 3104 Gibbons Dr. 4 BD/2.5 BA Sun 2-4 Alameda Realty Eileen Walker
\$965,000 617 Waterview Isle 3BD/3BA Sat & Sun 2-4 South Shore Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. John Selbach
\$1,098,000 2358 Coral Sea St. 4BD/2.5BA Sun 2-5 Bayport Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Bill & Griseida Bissett
\$1,250,000 1412 San Jose Ave. 4+BD/4BA Sun 2-4 510-205-4369/510-205-3575 Kane & Associates D. Gunderman/A. Raskopf
\$1,275,000 334 Tideway 2BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4 Ballena Bay Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Jim Nations
\$1,350,000 908 Lafayette St. 2 Units Sun 2-4 Central Alameda Harbor Bay Realty George Muhr
\$ 1188 Regent St. Two on 1 Lot Sun 1:30-4:30 East End Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Dave Park

Berkeley
\$695,000 1345 Ada St 2bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-4 Red Oak Realty Amy Robeson
\$699,000 1600 Fairview 5BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential Nancy Noman
\$725,000 1251 Delaware Street 3BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co. Karthiga Anandan
\$750,000 863 Colusa 3bd/1.5ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Thousand Oaks 510-524-9888/518 Berkeley Hills R.E. Maya Trilling
\$769,000 2410 Carleton St. 2BD/1BA & 1BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-594-7455, x 200 Anne Bruff & Associates Anne Bruff
\$789,000 1994 Marin 3+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1377 Pacific Union Residential Lori Lombardo
\$790,000 1151 Grizzly Peak 2bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-4 510-527-8822 Millstein & Assoc. Gene Millstein
\$799,000 1128 Amador Ave 3bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-280-2138 Red Oak Realty Billy Karp
\$799,000 1364 Grizzly Peak Blvd. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4 510-339-8900 Alain Pinel Realtors Tom Erwin
\$799,000 1865 Capistrano 2+bd/1+ba Open Sun 2-4:30 510-527-2700/27 Marvin Gardens Ann Arriola Plant
\$829,000 1509 McGee 4+bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4 Gourmet Ghetto 510-524-9888/513 Berkeley Hills R.E. Mary Lou Allen
\$849,000 505 Colusa Avenue 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Tricia Swift
\$855,000 735 Cragmont 4bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Berkeley Hills 510-524-9888/519 Berkeley Hills R.E. Arlene Baxter
\$870,000 2604 Grant St. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 1:30-4:30 925-254-0440 Prudential California Realty Keith Miller
\$879,000 2118 McKinley Ave. 5BD/3.5BA Open Sat 11-2/Sun 1:30-4:30 510-486-1495 Caldwell Banker Catherine Varnau & Rouhi Akbari
\$919,950 2808 Ashby Ave. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 925-540-1279 RE/MAX CC Connection Pat Hejmanek
\$925,000 1206 Oxford St. 3BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 510-486-1495 Caldwell Banker Rita Zwerdling
\$950,000 2830 Derby Street 3BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133 The Grubb Co. Helene Barkin
\$1,069,000 7151 Buckingham Blvd. 3BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4 510-339-8900 Alain Pinel Realtors Gayle Tantau
\$1,075,000 1637 Posen Ave. 3bd/3ba Open Sun. 2-4 Northbrae 510-526-4336 Northbrae Properties Anita Thede
\$1,075,000 6833 Sherwood 3bd/3ba Sun 2-4 Claremont Hills 510-848-1950 x240 Thornwall Properties Colleen Larkin
\$1,125,000 515 Colusa Ave 5+bd/4.5ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-502-7199/559-2915 Marvin Gardens R.E. Todd Hodson/Ron Eggherman
\$1,150,000 1828 San Juan 3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133 The Grubb Co. David Hill
\$1,165,000 73 El Camino Real 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Susie Schevell
\$1,195,000 254 Hillcrest 4+bd/3ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Claremont 510-428-0900 Prudential Piedmont Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine
\$1,260,000 26 Northgate Avenue 5BD/4BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-899-8000 Alain Pinel Realtors Sarah Schlager
\$1,540,000 797 San Diego Rd 5bd/4ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 Indian Rock 415-451-1460 Marchant Chapman Realty Jane Manning
\$1,695,000 3115 Lewiston Avenue 5BD/3+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Tricia Swift
\$1,750,000 2141 Eunice Street 4BD/3BA Open Sun 2-5 510-486-1495 Caldwell Banker Barbara Levy
\$1,895,000 961 Miller 5BD/3.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1370 Pacific Union Erika Celestre
\$3,100,000 200 Panoramic Way 5+bd/4+ba Open Sun. 1-4 510-845-0211 Prudential Claremont Bart/Rita/Ted

El Cerrito
\$649,000 2718 Sonoma St 3bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4 510-527-9111 Marvin Gardens Catherine Krueger
\$665,000 2531 Nason Ave 3+bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4 510-527-9111/502-7199 Marvin Gardens Todd Hodson/Ron Eggherman
\$679,000 5222 Gordon Ave 4+bd/2.5ba Open Sun. 1-4 510-334-1355 Caldwell Banker Bartels Brett Stratton
\$685,000 809 Arlington Avenue 5BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 El Cerrito Hills 510-652-2133 The Grubb Co. Diane Verducci
\$699,000 822 Pomona Ave 5bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4 510-662-8469 Security Pacific www.gerlster.com
\$725,000 811 Sea View Drive 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4 510-899-8000 Alain Pinel Realtors Victor Fierro
\$849,000 6410 Lagunitas Ave 3bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4 510-662-8558 Security Pacific carladellazoppa.com
\$900,000 1129 Arlington 3+bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4 510-527-8822 Millstein & Assoc. Gene Millstein
\$1,485,000 1307 Brewster Court 4BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133 The Grubb Co. Ruth Frassetto

El Sobrante
\$449,900 539 Chabre Court 3bd/2.5ba Open Sun. 2-4 510-815-4358 Prudential Berkeley Alkay Vasdekis
\$539,000 5776 Nottingham Dr 4bd/2ba Open Sun. 2-4 Sherwood Forest 510-527-9111 Marvin Gardens Doris Alexander
\$669,000 4935 Santa Rita Road 4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4 510-486-1495 Caldwell Banker Kimiko Terry/Sebastian Ages

Emeryville
\$269,000 7 Commodore Dr. Unit A355 1BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4 510-868-1495 Caldwell Banker Barb Allendorf
\$545,000 1250 Powell St. #7 1bd/1ba+loft Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2105 Red Oak Realty Sara Garabedian
\$678,000 1364 Powell St. 2 BD/1 BA Sun 2-4:30 415-296-2108 McGuire Real Estate Robin Dustan

Fremont
\$618,888 4109 Vintage Terrace 3bd/2.5ba Open Sun. 1-4 510-868-1564 Prudential Berkeley Niarobi Kim
\$665,000 3573 Shadow Brook 3BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4 Sequoia Crossing 510-748-1174/749-1169 Gallagher & Lindsey M. & W. Mariani / J. LoPera

Hayward
\$309,000 25163 Copa Del Oro #104 1bd/1ba Sat/Sun. 1-4 510-712-0073 Prudential Grand Lake Martin Holmes
\$422,000 22135 Sevilla Rd 34 2 BD/2 BA Sun 2-4 510-814-4811 Harbor Bay Realty Fred Christensen
\$529,000 27559 Persimmon Drive 3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-5 510-339-4700 Caldwell Banker Tiffany Stechschulte
\$569,000 27827 Pompano Ave. 3 BD/2 BA Sun 2:30-4:30 510-748-1166 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Rolando Basora

Hercules
\$380,000 230-2 Apollo 2 BD/1.5 BA Sun 1-3 Olympian Hills 510-748-1165 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Darryl & Yolanda Freeman
\$706,220 2027 Cabrillo Ln. 4bd/2.5ba Sun 2-4 510-691-1222 Caldwell Banker Bartels Sam Cheng
\$738,900 184 Kensington Circle 4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 1:30-4:30 925-262-7677 Intero Real Estate Services Karla Stevens
\$889,000 1081 Promenade St 3+bd/2+ba Open Sun 2-4 510-280-2105 Red Oak Realty Sara Garabedian

Kensington
\$625,000 15 Arlington Ln 3bd/1ba Open Sun. 2-4 510-529-1743 Red Oak Realty Sarah Richards
\$749,000 253 Purdue Avenue 2+BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Tricia Swift
\$829,000 38 Franciscan Way 4bd/3ba Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-280-2163 Red Oak Realty Charlie Cook
\$835,000 249 Cambridge Avenue 3BD/1+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Kensington 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Annie Walrand
\$1,325,000 420 Coventry Road 4BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-486-1495 Caldwell Banker Lori Lenses
\$1,685,000 132 Purdue Avenue 5BD/3BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Kensington 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Anne Feste
\$2,900,000 44 Marguerite Rd 5bd/5ba Open Sun. 2-4 415-386-4138 Jill Hacker Real Estate

Lafayette
\$1,800,000 770 Tanglewood Dr. 6BD/6BA Open Sunday 2-5pm 510-205-4011 Specific Properties Agent Robert Plechuta
\$1,945,000 3966 Quail Ridge Road 4+BD/2+BA Open Sun 1-4 510-338-1379 Pacific Union Residential Steven Blassatti
\$2,195,000 1066 Dolores Dr. 5BD/4.5BA Open Sun 1-5 510-760-5026 Pacific Union Residential Carol Crosby

Oakland
\$249,000 455 Crescent #118 1BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Grand Lake 510-338-1307 Pacific Union Residential Jeffrey Himmel
\$270,000 3751 Harrison #200 1 BD/1 BA Sun 2-4 510-521-1647 / 414-3355 Bayside Real Estate Quinn Stone / Barbara DiSalvo

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\$276,000	37 Santa Clara #2	1bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Grand Lake	510-499-1452
Prudential Grand Lake	Barbara Robinson Potts	
\$325,000+	2201 West St.	1bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-292-2105
	Sara Garabedian	
\$349,000	6384 Dana St	1bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4	Rockridge	510-406-1418
Northbrae Properties	Danielle Abramson	
\$349,000	7620 Mountain Blvd #9	2bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-292-2029
	Bill Fletcher	
\$354,000	466 Crescent Street #208	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-5	Grand Lake	510-531-7000
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Shawn Martin	
\$359,000	2745 78th Ave	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair Better Homes	510-339-8400
	Pamela Finney	
\$359,000	388 Santa Clara Ave. #202	1+BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Lake Merritt	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	CJ Boydston	
\$365,000	360 Vernon St #101	1BD/1 BA
Sat 2-4	Adams Point	510-748-2002
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Roberta Rossi-Lopez	
\$368,888	2960 Park Blvd	2bd/1.5ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Windermere Real Estate	510-612-5546
	Krista Miller	
\$379,000	742 Wesley Way #2C	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Judith Cain	
\$389,000	574 48th Street	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-5	Temescal	510-574-5970 ext. 55
Lawton Associates	Ron Kriss	
\$399,000	3065 Kansas Street Unit B	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-5	Laurel	510-612-3993
Lawton Associates	Keith Sjolholm	
\$400,000	3825 High St.	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-3	Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	510-748-1177
	Raymond Diaz	
\$409,000	9817 Springfield St	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	415-338-0236
	Charlotte Wood	
\$413,000	896 47th St	1+bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-5	No. Oakland	510-928-2059
Prudential Grand Lake	Mayling Trinh	
\$419,950	1 Lakeside Drive #408	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Intero Real Estate Services	925-998-1069
	Janette Licata	
\$423,000	2818 Short St	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-5	Laurel Lower	510-845-0211
Prudential Claremont	Debra Alber	
\$429,000	8367 Golf Links Rd	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair Better Homes	510-339-8400
	Regina Jacobs	
\$429,000	8379 Iris	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700
	Becky Andersen	
\$430,000	3030 Martin Luther King Way 4bd/1.5ba	510-834-2010
Open Sun 2-4:30	Prudential Grand Lake	Shirley Covington
\$445,000	7333 Fresno St.	3bd/1ba
Open Sun 1-3	Re/Max Executive	510-636-0606
	Wayne Wilkerson	
\$449,000	1477 Tucker St	2bd/2.5ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair Better Homes	510-339-8400
	Regina Jacobs	
\$449,000	3528 Penniman Ave	2+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-5	Laurel	510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair	Sean Schilling	
\$449,000	4715 Park Blvd.	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-5	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900
	Lois Johnson	
\$449,000	525 Monte Vista Ave #10	2bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Rose Garden	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Nader Davari	
\$449,000	6517 Heather Ridge	3bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair	Chris Hansen	
\$449,000	8033 Winthrop Street	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-4	Windermere Real Estate	510-521-1177
	Peter Fletcher	
\$459,000	2675 Nicol	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Fruitvale	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Seki Chikami	
\$459,000	2828 Short Street	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Frederick & Associates	510-594-7455 ext. 202
	Anne Bruff & Associates	
\$465,000	2929 Viola St	2+bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Laurel	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Martha Hill	
\$469,000	5290 Broadway Terrace	2bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	925-451-6679
	Derek Wagley	
\$469,000	5932 Mauritania Ave	3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	510-652-2133
	Helene Barkin	
\$469,000	740-43rd St	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-5	No. Oakland	510-339-8290
Prudential Montclair	Michael Stephens	
\$478,000	11032 Novelda Dr.	3 BD/1 BA
Open Sun 2-4	Sobrante Park	510-748-1188
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Rich Lal	

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\$479,000	2789 Frazier	3bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	San Leandro Border	510-868-1575
Prudential Berkeley	Jake McTigue	
\$479,000	3221 61 St Avenue	3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Millmont	510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Laura Archiglia	
\$485,000	6127 Outlook Avenue	2+BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	510-486-1495
	Gaby Olander	
\$485,000	670 Vernon Street #102	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont Avenue	510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Michelle Winchester	
\$488,000	8212 A St.	3bd/2.5ba
Open Sun 1-4:30	Boulevard Equity Group	510-444-8420
	Rene Solvart	
\$489,000	555 10th Street #414	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-5	Downtown	510-531-7000 x228
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Kate Phillips	
\$495,000	320 Caldecott Ln #210	2bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Parkwood	510-412-2424
Windermere Real Estate	Denise Milburn	
\$495,000	864 Arlington Ave	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	No. Oakland	510-888-4597
Prudential Claremont	Curtis Estes	
\$499,000	1042 63rd St	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-5	Prudential Berkeley	510-868-1400
	Gregory Garrett	
\$499,000	3065 Kansas Street Unit A	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-5	Laurel	510-612-3993
Lawton Associates	Keith Sjolholm	
\$499,000	3507 Laurel Ave.	2 BD/1 BA
Open Sun 2-4	Lower Laurel	510-748-1110
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Sonia Lastrevo	
\$499,000	3709 Keller Ave	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 1:30-4:30	Red Oak Realty	510-292-2012
	Aaron Baluyut	
\$499,000	492 Staten Avenue	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900
	Andrea Gordon	
\$499,000	555 10th St 403	2 BD/2 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Realty	510-814-4881
	Jena Ng	
\$499,000	850 W. MacArthur	4+bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Emeryville Border	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Gayle Smith	
\$500,000	830 46th Street	2BD/1BA
Open Sunday 1-4PM	Keller Williams	510-290-4656
	LeRoy McDaniel	
\$505,000	3107 Berlin Way	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4:30	Coldwell Banker	510-339-4700
	James Brown	
\$509,000	201 4th Street #412	2BD/1.5BA
Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30	Jack London Sq.	510-339-1304
Pacific Union GMAC	Dan Joy	
\$510,000	4620 Brookdale Ave	3bd/2ba
Sat/Sun 2-4	Maxwell Park	510-868-1518/519-2226
Prudential Berkeley	Meza Tesfa	
\$519,000	7652 Outlook Ave.	2 BD/1 BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Prudential CA Realty	510-337-8570
	Lillian Liao	
\$525,000	3718 Columbian Dr.	2BD/1BA
Sat 2-5	King Estates	510-748-1121
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Angela McIntyre	
\$529,000	2551 Lilac Street	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1:30-4:30	Intero Real Estate Services	510-908-4511
	Diane Currie	
\$529,000	376 Orange St Unit #3	2 BD/1 BA
Open Sun 2-4	Adams Point	510-621-1115
Property Investment Svcs.	Victor Jin, CRB	
\$535,000	568 Martin St	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Rockridge/Temescal	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Mary Jane McConville	
\$535,000	9930 Vallejo St	2+bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4	Red Oak Realty	510-292-2014
	Stacey Meryman	
\$539,000	16 Rio Vista	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont Avenue	510-339-1316
Pacific Union Residential	Joan Dark	
\$539,000	3210 Madera Avenue	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-5	Maxwell Park	510-531-7000 x228
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Kate Phillips	
\$539,000	3657 Maple Avenue	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Laurel	510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Mary Merrick	
\$539,000	6846 Saroni Dr	1+bd/1ba
Open Sun 1-5	Montclair	510-339-8301
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand	
\$541,250	7949 Greenly Drive	2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-899-8000
	Lydia Pulver	
\$545,000	2944 58th Ave	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 1-4	Red Oak Realty	510-299-3097
	Jimmy Halloran	
\$545,000	2 Covert Lane	2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-899-8000
	Denise Coronado	
\$549,000	925 E. 19th St	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	New China Town	510-834-2010
Prudential Grand Lake	Ernest Villafranca	
\$559,000	143 Samaria Lane	2BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Redwood Road	510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Steve Michaelides	

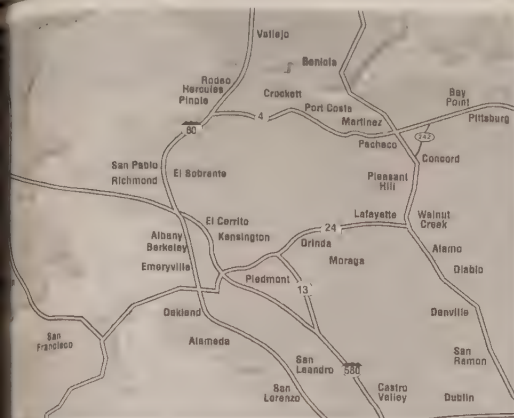
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\$559,000	3521 Pierson St.	2+BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-4	Maxwell Park	925-683-3488
Prudential California Realty	Marty Baum	
\$559,500	3315 Magnolia St	2bd/2ba
Open Sun 1-4	Emeryville Border	510-813-3406
Prudential Grand Lake	Robert Hickey	
\$575,000	201 Fourth St. Loft 808	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	Jack London Sq.	510-622-4449
Prime Properties Realty	Keiko McDonah	
\$575,000	3259 Madera Ave	3bd/2ba
Sun 2-4:30	Maxwell Park	510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair	Grynbal/Randall	
\$579,000	51 Teralynn Ct	2BD/2+BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Redwood Heights	510-338-1377
Pacific Union Residential	Lori Lombardo	
\$579,000	585 9th St	2bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair Better Homes	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Adele Wong	
\$585,000	5374 Manila Ave	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4	Rockridge	510-849-9900
Maison Nouveau	Scott Ward	
\$589,000	2208 Ransom Avenue	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	510-339-8900
Alain Pinel Realtors	JC & Heather Gonzalez	
\$597,000	3809 Ardley Ave.	2+bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Glenview	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Beatriz Kasten	
\$598,000	4210 Market Street	3BD/1+BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	N. Oakland	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Kelley Mayo-Clett	
\$599,000	1770 Arrowhead Dr	3+bd/2ba
Open Sun 1-5	Montclair	510-339-8301
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand	
\$599,000	1808 Pleasant Valley Ave	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont Ave	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Jack Breneman	
\$599,000	5449 El Camille Avenue	4BD/1+BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Maxwell Park	530-531-7000 x228
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Kate Phillips	
\$615,000	1192 71st Ave	8bd/4ba
Sun 2-4	2 Units	510-668-1518/510-395-2226
Prudential Berkeley	Meaza Tesfa	
\$619,000	3539 Boston	3BD/2BA
Open 2-4:30	Dimond	510-338-1378
Pacific Union	Jackie Care	
\$625,000	3105 Middleton	2bd/1.5ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair Better Homes	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Nahid Nassiri	
\$625,000	6880 Thornhill Drive	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Peter Nicolopoulos	
\$625,000	738 Mandana	3+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-338-1302
Pacific Union Residential	Nancy Moore	
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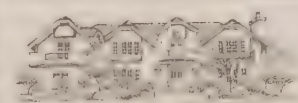
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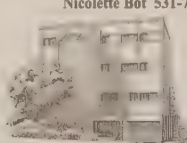
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Around the horn

About face

■ At this time last season, the St. Mary's High School girls golf team was 2-6 and nowhere near competing for the Bay Shore Athletic League title. Let's just say things have changed for the Panthers. In their second season, coach Jennifer Manfredi has guided St. Mary's to an 8-2 mark in the BSAL, their best in at least the last four seasons. And the Panthers have made the turnaround without a senior on the roster and just two returning players in Alanna Cossetti and Sarah McPherson. "Last season we had Margo Winton that was a real solid player and she started a buzz on our campus," said Manfredi on Monday after the Panthers' shot a five-golfer score of 539 to finish fifth at the second annual Tilden Invitational at Tilden Park Golf Course. Freshman Alexandria Killingsworth has been a big part of the Panthers' solid season, playing in the No. 1 spot. Killingsworth shot a 97 to pace the Panthers at the Tilden tournament. "A lot of the girls worked hard over the summer, taking lessons and improving their game," Manfredi said. "So, it's very inspiring to see the girls wanting to get better." The Panthers' two losses in league have both been to Piedmont, but St. Mary's will get another shot at the Highlanders at Monday's BSAL championship at Lake Chabot.

— Robert Jordan

Jets fall in postponed match

■ Encinal High School's girls volleyball team suffered its first loss of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League season, falling to host Berkeley 25-14, 20-26, 25-21, 21-18 on Oct. 13. The match, originally scheduled for three days earlier, had been postponed after an outbreak of chickenpox on the Encinal team.

— Mike McGreehan

On the brink

■ At press time, the Berkeley girls tennis team was on the verge of clinching at least a tie for the ACCAL title. They held a 9-0 record with three league matches remaining. Alameda is in second place with an 8-2 mark, and Berkeley has edged the Hornets 4-3 in both league matches this season. If the Yellow Jackets clinch, it would be the first time since the 2003 season that they have been co-league champions or league champions. Berkeley won co-league titles in 2003 and 2002.

Phil Jensen

On deck

■ College Prep, St. Mary's, Alameda at Mt. Sac Invitational in Walnut, boys and girls cross country, Oct. 20, times TBA. — The Cougars, Panthers, and Hornets travel south to compete in one of the biggest cross-country meets of the year. Matt Katz (College Prep) and Matt Duffy (St. Mary's) lead their respective teams. Katz's Cougars compete in Division V and Duffy and the Panthers run in Division II.

■ HAAL Championship, girls golf, Metropolitan Golf Links, Oct. 23, 12:06 p.m. — Bishop O'Dowd will seek another title when the Hayward Area Athletic League convenes for its annual tournament. Dragons' senior Kim Green enters as the favorite to take the individual title.

■ Alameda at Encinal, girls volleyball, Oct. 24, junior varsity at 4 p.m., followed by varsity. — The Hornets enter this match hungry for payback after falling at home to the Jets 26-24, 26-24, 25-15 in the teams' first ACCAL meeting on Sept. 28. Alameda was competitive in the first two games of that match but was unable to catch up after Encinal got on a roll in the final game.

■ Alameda at Encinal, girls tennis, Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m. — Tennis and volleyball took place in adjoining venues when the schools met at Alameda High on Sept. 28, and will make up a sports doubleheader again at Encinal. On the tennis courts last time, Alameda won handily, 7-0. Though the Hornets' hopes for another ACCAL title were diminished after a second league loss to Berkeley last week, the team will look to stay sharp.

■ BSAL championships, girls golf, Oct. 23 at Lake Chabot Golf Course, Oakland, 11 a.m. — Will Alameda's Joy Kim win her second straight BSAL individual title? Will Piedmont defend its team title? Those questions will be answered Monday. St. Mary's Alexandria Killingsworth could also contend for the individual title. Alameda's Emily Childs will be competing as an individual.

■ St. Patrick-St. Vincent at Albany, girls volleyball, Oct. 24, 6 p.m. — At press time, the teams were tied for first in the BSAL with records of 8-1.

■ Holy Names at Piedmont, girls volleyball, Oct. 24 6 p.m. — As of Oct. 18 the Highlanders and Monarchs were separated by a half game in the BSAL standings. Holy Names (5-3) beat Piedmont 25-18, 25-23, 17-25, 25-15 in their first meeting on Sept. 23.

■ Piedmont at Albany, girls tennis, Oct. 26 3:30 p.m. — In the first meeting, the Highlanders won the match 6-1. Albany had been undefeated in BSAL play but suffered back-to-back losses to St. Mary's and Piedmont.

Stars of the week

■ Jana Poole, Albany girls volleyball — Poole had 28 kills in a big 25-20, 26-28, 22-25, 25-13, 16-14 victory over St. Mary's. She also had 19 kills, 11 digs and two aces in a 21-25, 25-15, 25-7, 25-23 win over Holy Names.

■ Emily Carver, Berkeley girls volleyball — Carver scored 16 kills and also had three digs and four aces in a 25-14, 20-25, 25-21, 25-18 victory over Encinal that gave the Yellow Jackets control of the ACCAL.

■ Tarah Murrey, St. Mary's girls volleyball — Murrey had 28 kills and 11 digs in a 25-20, 26-28, 22-25, 25-13, 16-14 loss to Albany. She also had 12 kills, two blocks and three digs in a 25-13, 25-11, 25-13 victory over Salesian.



ALBANY VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS celebrate after scoring a tough point during Tuesday's come-from-behind victory over St. Mary's.

SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

Albany rallies to big win



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

EMMA SCOTT of Berkeley returns a shot against Alameda. The Yellow Jackets won all the doubles matches to pull out a 4-3 ACCAL victory.

■ Down two games to one, the Cougars rebound for a 3-2 victory

By Ricardo Sanchez Jr.
STAFF WRITER

After the Albany High School girls volleyball team fell behind two games to one to St. Mary's on Tuesday, it seemed the visiting Panthers would close it out behind powerful outside hitter Tarah Murrey.

But the Cougars fought back to force a fifth game.

And when it looked as though it was finished, down 14-12 in that decisive game, Albany once again found a way to push through, and it did by following its own outside hitter.

Jana Poole delivered the final kill to finish with 26 as the Cougars outlasted St. Mary's 25-20, 26-28, 22-25, 25-13, 16-14 to remain tied for first place in the Bay Shore Athletic League with St. Patrick-St. Vincent.

"We knew we could do it, and we weren't going to give it up," Poole said. "We were going to go all out."

Murrey, who had delivered two straight kills to push the lead to 13-10 in game five, blasted one out of bounds and fueled the Cougars' 6-1 run to close the match. In the final rally, Sarah Hsieh came up with a crucial dig against Murrey, and the Cougars (16-6, 8-1 BSAL at press time) responded with three kills by Poole and one by Nicky Hagan to seal the win. Hsieh led Albany with 13 digs and Hagan finished with 14 kills.

"We got the momentum at the end and we just kept swinging,"

HIGH SCHOOL

Poole said.

After losing the first game, St. Mary's followed with two wins of their own, with Murrey, who finished with 28 kills and Laura Challis (14 kills) leading the way. But errors played a factor in the end, and they opened the door for the Cougars.

"I think it was our mental game," Murrey said. "We never really picked it up. Just staying focused and mentally being aware. Just (eliminating) the little errors."

It was the second-straight season the Cougars have beaten the Panthers (13-6, 7-2 at press time) at home in the regular season. St. Mary's went on to win the league and advanced to the Division IV state championship game in 2005. Poole hopes things change.

"We got really into it," Poole said. "Every game is important. But when you have a rivalry, it's really nice to win."

Albany d. Holy Names: With her team clinging to a 24-23 lead in the fourth game on Oct. 12, Cougars senior defensive specialist Louisa So dove to her right and dug a ball inches from the floor. The ball sailed to the left side of the court where teammate Sarah Hsieh followed suit with a bump to keep the ball alive and in play and allow the Cougars to return it over the net.

The game ended on the next sequence with Poole recording her 19th kill on an assist from Kaitlyn Giblin.

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FOOTBALL

Berkeley overwhelms Hercules

By Pete Elman
CORRESPONDENT

The Berkeley Yellow Jackets victory into Hercules and left with a 39-6 win Friday.

Berkeley scored 26 points in the second period to put the game away as its hard-hitting defense forced four fumbles, all resulting in touchdowns.

After last week's painful 32-25 loss to Pinole Valley — in which the Yellow Jackets lost a 25-6 lead — the one-sided victory over the Titans (1-4-1, 0-3 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) was just what Berkeley needed.

"Pinole was a tough loss, but we played well," Berkeley coach Matt Bissell said. "Tonight it's good to see the turnovers finally coming in our favor."

Despite being outgained 230 to 162,



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

ALBANY'S Miles Olsen has nowhere to run against John Swett in a 46-7 defeat in a BSAL opener.

The Yellow Jackets physically dominated the smaller Titans, especially with defense and special teams.

Berkeley (2-4, 2-1 ACCAL) struck in the first period when senior linebacker and co-captain Too Samuelu ripped the ball from Titan halfback Orlando Cock-erham and sprinted untouched for a

Nules, longtime prep official, dies

By Curtis Pashelka
STAFF WRITER

John Nules, one of the East Bay's most respected figures in education and high school athletics over the past four-plus decades, died early Monday morning while in hospice care. He was 76.

Nules began his career in 1961 as the football coach at El Cerrito High School. He succeeded Hale Roach as the Gauchos' track and field coach in 1974 and later became the school's athletic director. He also worked as a dean and vice principal at several west Contra Costa County schools during the 1980s.

He was most recently commissioner of the Bay Valley Athletic League, a position he held since 1991 before retiring this spring. He also served as an official starter for North Coast Sec-

tion track and field meets for close to 30 years.

"He was one of the founding fathers of the modern North Coast Section," NCS commissioner Tom Ehrhorn said. "He was one of those pillars the section was built on. We've lost a dear friend. He had a profound impact on the lives of everyone he knew."

Born and raised in west Contra Costa County, Nules played football at Richmond High School and Contra Costa College. But his biggest impact came at El Cerrito, where Nules was honored at a special ceremony before the school's buildings were torn down for renovations in May 2005.

In 2000-01 he served as commissioner for both the Bay Valley and Alameda Contra Costa

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EAST BAY PREP FOOTBALL SUPER POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	6-0	Begins mini-run vs. BVAL with a 48-0 pasting of Liberty
2.	Foothill	6-0	Defense is allowing just 7.5 points per game
3.	Monte Vista	5-1	Mustangs shut out Amador Valley for three quarters before winning 28-7
4.	San Ramon Valley	6-0	Schedule intensifies with Amador Valley, Foothill and Monte Vista upcoming
5.	Amador Valley	5-1	Has running game brought to a halt against Monte Vista's front seven
6.	Deer Valley	6-0	Wolverines upset Pittsburg in convincing fashion, gain upper hand in BVAL
7.	Pittsburg	4-2	Pirates battle turnovers and inconsistency in loss to Deer Valley
8.	Hayward	5-1	Despite slow start, Farmers roll to 32-6 win over Bishop O'Dowd
9.	Freedom	5-1	Passes first big BVAL test, defeating then-No. 11 Ygnacio Valley 42-21
10.	Pinole Valley	6-0	Week 8 showdown with El Cerrito should determine ACCAL champion

11. Mt. Eden (5-1), 12. San Leandro (4-2), 13. McClintock (2-2-1), 14. Alhambra (5-1), 15. Ygnacio Valley (4-2), 16. California (3-3), 17. Miramonte (5-1), 18. College Park (5-1), 19. James Logan (4-2), 20. Irvington (4-2).

Others receiving votes: El Cerrito (5-0-1), Salesian (5-1), Castlemont (5-1), John Swett (5-1), St. Patrick/St. Vincent (4-2), Clayton Valley (4-2). The East Bay Super Poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers and the Alameda Newspaper Group. Records are through Oct. 14.

Roundup

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So and Hsieh's efforts helped Albany shake off a sluggish start to beat the visiting Monarchs 21-25, 25-15, 25-7, 25-23 in a critical BSAL win.

"We just had to win," said So, who finished with 14 digs. "We work really hard and all those little things (in the game), we have done in practice."

— Robert Jordan

St. Mary's d. Salesian: Murray slammed 12 kills and Chalis added eight kills as the host Panthers beat Salesian 25-13, 25-11, 25-13 on Oct. 12.

— Phil Jensen

Berkeley d. Encinal: Powered by 16 kills from Emily Carver and nine kills from Charlotte Carver, the host Yellow Jackets took over control of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League with a 25-14, 20-25, 25-21, 25-18 victory over Encinal on Friday. The Jets fell to 4-1 in league play with the loss.

— Phil Jensen

Berkeley d. Pinole Valley: Katie Cuan passed for 19 assists and teammate Kelly Leggoe had eight kills as the visiting Yellow Jackets remained undefeated in ACCAL play (7-0) with a 25-7, 25-14, 25-20 victory Tuesday. Berkeley improved to 13-9 overall.

— Phil Jensen

GIRLS TENNIS

Berkeley 4, Alameda 3: When the Yellow Jackets' top three sin-

gles players lost in this matchup on Oct. 12, the remaining Berkeley players knew they would have to win in order to defeat host Alameda for the second time this year and remain alone atop the ACCAL standings. After the Yellow Jackets got victories at No. 4 singles and Nos. 1 and 2 doubles to pull even at 3-3, Berkeley's hopes were riding on the No. 3 doubles team of Caroline Vasco and Alana Fox. When Vasco and Fox lost the first set 6-1 and fell behind 5-2 in the second, it appeared that the Yellow Jackets might drop the match. Fox made sure that didn't happen. After a nasty spill, Fox asserted her dominance at the net, and she and Vasco won five games in a row to claim the second set. They steamrolled through the third as a 1-6, 7-5, 6-1 victory over Michelle Loo and Sarah Courtland that gave the Berkeley (8-0 ACCAL) a second 4-3 win over the Hornets (7-2) this season. "Never a dull moment between Berkeley and Alameda," Yellow Jackets coach Liz Holland said. "I've never seen a comeback like that." Fox and Vasco were playing in just their second match as partners. Fox at first seemed hesitant to take charge at the net. By the end of the match, though, the Hornets were having difficulty getting any shot past her. Fox credited her teammates for the constant encouragement that led to the turnaround. "We support each other," she said.

— Dan Stark, MediaNews

Berkeley 4, Pinole Valley 3:

The visiting Yellow Jackets again pulled out an ACCAL win on Tuesday. They swept the doubles matches. Ariel Feingold-Shaw and Jasmine Blau won the No. 1 doubles match over Rebecca King and Jasselle Cabugao 6-2, 7-6 (6).

— Phil Jensen

Albany 6, Salesian 1: The Cougars improved to 8-2 in BSAL play on Tuesday as they swept the singles matches at Contra Costa College. No. 1 singles player Elena Pan defeated Heather VanZile 6-2, 6-4.

— Phil Jensen

St. Mary's 7, John Swett 0: The visiting Panthers won all the matches in straight sets Tuesday and lost only 14 games in the seven matches. Christyn Richardson won the No. 1 singles match 6-3, 6-1 over Nicole Pope.

— Phil Jensen

GIRLS GOLF

Tilden Invitational: Lauren Oh and Joi Pentin shot their worst 18-hole rounds of the season on Monday, and it still didn't matter. Oh fired an 9-over-par 80 and Pentin shot an 82, but the Amador Valley High School girls golf team still won its third tournament of the season. The Dons shot a five-golfer score of 416, their lowest of the season, to claim the second annual Tilden Invitational at Tilden Park Golf Course. Carondelet was second with 443. St. Mary's finished fifth as a team, led by Alexandria Killingsworth's score of 97.

— Robert Jordan

Football

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79-yard touchdown.

On the first play of the second period, Berkeley's Brandon Senigar returned a punt 63 yards to increase the lead to 13-0. After another Berkeley fumble recovery, tailback Jamar Smith ran the ball in from the 4-yard line to give Berkeley a 20-0 lead.

Hercules receiver Tyrell Evans caught a 31-yard pass in the end zone in the second quarter to give the Titans their only score.

Berkeley's Anastacio Zamba ran another fumble into the end zone from the Titans' 45. After the Titans' fourth fumble, Berkeley quarterback Kenneth Adams scored on a 35-yard run to make it 32-6 at the half.

Adams, despite an off night passing (1-of-8, 2 yards) rushed 39 yards and didn't turn the ball over. Smith, (nine carries 70 yards) who had sustained a rib injury in the Pinole game, looked sharp at tailback, playing about half the snaps.

At the 14:12 mark of the third period a Hercules punt did not cross the line of scrimmage, and an alert Dwayne Adams grabbed it and ran 31 yards for Berkeley's final touchdown.

El Cerrito 39, Richmond 12: The Gauchos (5-0-1, 3-0 ACCAL) broke open a close game at the half and pulled away in the final two quarters at Contra Costa College on Friday.

Leading just 18-12 at the half, El Cerrito scored 21 points in the second half. It was paced by running backs Eric McDaniel and Michael Hicks. The two combined for 190 rushing yards in the second half alone. El Cerrito rushed for 370 yards overall. McDaniel finished with 156 yards rushing and Hicks 143.

Quarterback Don Miguel Tutas got the scoring started in the third quarter with a 1-yard

plunge on El Cerrito's second drive of the half. It was his second rushing touchdown of the game and gave El Cerrito a 24-12 lead. Early in the fourth, Hicks put the game away with a 4-yard run to make the score 32-12.

Before the intermission, Richmond (2-4, 0-3) played right with the Gauchos.

After Tutas scored on a 6-yard run in the first quarter, Richmond came back to tie the score at 6-6 when quarterback Carlos Ortiz hit Lene Iousa with a 20-yard scoring strike. El Cerrito took the lead back on a 2-yard run by McDaniel for a 12-6 lead.

Richmond tied the score at 12 when the combination of Ortiz and Iousa connected again, this time covering 41 yards. But with two minutes left in the half, El Cerrito took the lead for good when Hicks took a Tutas pass and scored from 7 yards out.

Tutas was 12-for-24 for 181 yards and rushed for 45 yards. El Cerrito's offense amassed 551 total yards.

— Don August, correspondent

John Swett 46, Albany 7: If anyone in the Bay Shore Athletic League wants a reminder of how good John Swett running back Santario Carson is, the Albany defense might be a good group to ask.

The Cougars defense tried its best to contain him, but Carson gained 170 yards on 10 carries and scored five touchdowns in the Indians' victory Friday in both teams' BSAL opener.

Shortly after a pregame homecoming parade, the offense got rolling for John Swett (5-1, 1-0 BSAL) when Mark Anderson took a pass from Thomas Arguello for an 18-yard touchdown catch.

After the Indians got on the board, it was downhill for the Cougars. Carson returned a punt 74 yards for a touchdown.

Cougars running back Eric Roberson responded with a 60-

yard touchdown run of his own, but Anderson quieted the Cougar faithful with a 65-yard touchdown run on the next play from scrimmage.

Albany (2-4, 0-1) knew coming into the game that Carson was going to make plays for the Indians, but on the offensive side of the ball the Cougars never really found a rhythm to match the senior's production.

The Cougars' backfield duo of quarterback Ari Colby Dorman and running back Roberson found it tough to score against a quick and physical Indians defense. Roberson finished the night with 130 yards on 14 carries, while Colby Dorman completed just three of 11 passes for 17 yards.

— Ben Enos

St. Patrick-St. Vincent 63, St. Mary's 30: Jason Garcia rushed for 221 yards and Javon Carrington 147 as the host Bruins won their BSAL opener and improved to 4-2 overall. St. Mary's is now 3-3 overall and 0-1 in BSAL play.

Bruins quarterback Max Shulz kept the ball for three runs himself and finished with 70 yards on the ground — nearly all of it on a 62-yard score.

A positive sign for the Panthers was its depth at the running back position. St. Mary's had five players rush for 38 yards or more, and the Panthers scored four touchdowns on the ground.

FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Robert Gallia of the El Dorado said salmon fishing along the Marin coast has lacked public interest and produced even fewer results. The few boats from the Berkeley Marina that have made trips this week spent a few hours working the Duxbury reef area but scored only a few scratched baits.

Most skippers then headed to the Farallon Islands, where rock and ling cod have been the highlight of most trips during the past two months. All the trips to the Farallons are producing limits of quality rockfish and a good chance at some lings using the chrome bars.

The Berkeley fleet is gearing up for the upcoming crab/combo season, which begins Nov. 11, and the Berkeley Marina Sport Center will be offering crab cooking upon the return of all the charter boats.

Diana Nunez of www.berkeley-marinasportfishing.com reported excellent fishing for both the Golden Eye 2000 and the New Golden Eye over the weekend at the Farallon Islands. On Saturday, Captain Quang Vo of the Golden Eye 2000 had 28 anglers catching 56 ling cod up to 22 pounds and 280 rock cod. They also caught 27 limits of rock and ling cod on Sunday, with the ling cod weighing up to 19 pounds.

Saturday, the New Golden Eye with Capt. Trung Vu caught 24 limits of both rock and ling cod weighing up to 22 pounds. Sunday they had 15 limits of rock and ling cod with the largest ling cod up to 25 pounds.

THE BAYS

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait & Tackle reported good fishing. Stripers are still being had from the Martinez pier, shoreline and both ends of the Mottball Fleet. Grass shrimp and bullhead are doing the trick. Sturgeon are being caught at Buoy 2 and 6. Use grass and ghost shrimp. The tides will be good through the weekend with an average of 4 feet of movement.

Catching stripers were John Gabellin of Martinez (two totaling 41 inches) on grass shrimp from the Martinez shoreline, Phong Lee of Pittsburg (25.5 inches, 6.7 pounds) from the shoreline on grass shrimp, Steve Clark of Martinez (35 inches, 15 pounds) in the shallows of the first row of ships on bullhead and Lee Lancaster of Benicia (20 inches) at the east end of the Mottball Fleet on grass shrimp.

Lancaster also caught a 51-inch, 29.3-pound sturgeon in the same place on grass shrimp. Others catching sturgeon were Henry Sibley of Moraga (56 inches) on ghost shrimp at Buoy 2 and Roger Lewis of Livermore (67 inches, 64.1 pounds) at Buoy 6 on grass shrimp.

THE RIVERS

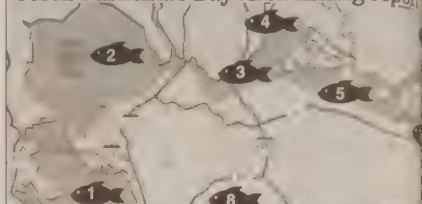
SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fishing for rainbow trout is good with anglers fly fishing the Sacramento River, drifting from Redding to Anderson. Most days are producing between 15 and 20 fish, with an average size from 12-18 inches. Anglers are using Phasentail Tail No. 16 and Fox's Poophas No. 16.

SACRAMENTO RIVER, ANDERSON: Portocarrero said king salmon fishing is very good, with he and his clients catching 8-10 king salmon a day. The salmon are typically around the 30-pound range but can be anywhere from 12-50 pounds this time of year. Watch for salmon fishing to improve come November and December, as the rain brings up new, bright salmon. All king salmon being caught using Flatfish lures, T-55's, chrome and green colored lures, with a sardine wrap.

THE DELTA

Chris Aldredge of Gotchal Bait and Tackle in Antioch said sturgeon are being caught at Montezuma Slough, Mottball Fleet and Big Break using grass shrimp. Stripers are still being caught at most spots around the Delta, with anglers using gobies and bullhead for the bigger ones. Drifting bluegill can also bring in big stripers. Catfish can be had at Holland Tract and near the Rio Vista

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent
1. San Francisco Bay — Some halibut are being had.	2. San Pablo Bay — Tides should be right for sturgeon, bass.	3. Mottball Fleet — Stripers being caught on both sides.	4. Montezuma Slough — Still a favorite spot for sturgeon anglers.	5. Pittsburg PG&E — Diehard salmon anglers can try here.
				6. Rio Vista — One of the better spots for catfish.
				7. Big Break — Sturgeon starting to show.
				8. Lafayette Reservoir — A variety of species being caught.

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Ferry. Artificial baits are being used by some anglers to catch bass, although using a nightcrawler under a bobber is still popular. Salmon fishing is still slow, and Aldredge said a big salmon run may never really happen. The diehards can try the Pittsburg PG&E plant or Isleton.

Catching stripers were Mike Cipriano (4 pounds) on grass shrimp at the Antioch Bridge, Larry Danielson of Clayton (10 pounds) at Westland on bullhead, Erma Baker of Antioch (7.25 pounds) on anchovies at Big Break and Jason Schumacher (8.5 pounds) and Mark Cates (7 and 21 pounds) on shad at Cabin Slough. Bryce Null caught a 7-pound black bass on the Antioch Pier on worms and Jeff Parson of Antioch caught a 50-pound, 58-inch sturgeon at Broad Slough on grass shrimp.

THE LAKES

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: The staff at San Pablo Reservoir said trout action is coming on strong with several limits being reported. Try PowerBait in rainbow or green. Nightcrawlers are working as well. Try the main recreation area. The launch is still open, as low water levels mean better shoreline access. The cooling water is helping the trout bite.

There are still some bass showing up. Use plastics and swimbaits. Catfishing is decent. Try chicken liver and shrimp or nightcrawlers and anchovies. There were no reports received this week of crappie being caught, but some bluegill have been reported. Try using small worms or waxworms.

Catching trout were Rick St. Clair of San Francisco (7 pounds) in Sycow Canyon on Power Bait and J.J. Hagopian of San Ramon (7.3 pounds) at the main rec with a Kastmaster. Catching bass were Freeman Wills of Hayward (9.5 pounds) in Sycow Canyon on a Senko and Aris Andras of Novato (6.5 pounds) at Sandy Point on a worm.

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: Trout season has definitely started with a bang. Many anglers

are getting limits trolling near Moon Bay. Broken back Rapier freighter and rainbow trout are very hot, as are needletail flashers. Bait anglers are doing well, with most averaging 1-2 per rod. Try fishing white or Power Eggs topped with an inch nightcrawler with a 2-foot leader near Coots Landing.

Bass action has slowed down a little, but many anglers are still getting 2-5 fish a day. The bite on trout baits is still good in the morning and evening. Finesse bait is still producing the most quality. Try split-shotting a purple plastic worm near the sticks.

Limits of catfish are still coming out of the lake on mackerel, anchovies and chicken livers. Fish have been reported from first dock. However, most limit have come from Honker Bay drifting mackerel in Honker Bay near the island.

There are plenty of bluegill this lake. Use a size 14 hook and tiny piece of nightcrawler. Bluegill stay by tulles in shallow areas. Raccoon Point and across from Catfish landing are great places to pull out sunfish.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: It's been another busy week for salmon anglers. All are very active in addition to Point north of the marina. Use Rapalas (no particular color). Salmon seem to be reaching maturity (5-7 years), so the bite really been active. Most catches this week have averaged around 3.65 pounds.

The coves are still the best place for bass where the grasses are thick. The water level has come to descend but should level off this week. This hasn't affected the bite at all. Use nightcrawlers and PowerBait for the trout and pig worms or small whackers for bass. Nothing is set in stone here. If they're hungry they'll bite.

LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR, LAFAYETTE: The staff at the Lafayette Reservoir said fishing continues to improve. Catfish, bluegill and rainbow trout are caught every day. The hot bait for nightcrawlers and the hot spots on the east cove and the south end of the lake.

Kevin Carillon of Walnut Creek caught a 14-pound catfish on an en liver in the center of the lake from a boat and Emma and Patrick Lankford caught three catfish nightcrawlers from the south end of the lake using a Frank Snyder of Concord call. Four rainbow trout weighing between 3-3.5 pounds from the south end of the lake using a Rapala lure and Paul and Christopher Fenk caught three weighing over 3 pounds each, trolling with a needletail lure over the lake.

— Curtis Pashelka

Nules

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athletic leagues.

"I'll just (remember) the respect that everybody had for him," said Bob Fisher, a former coach and athletic director at Antioch. "He was a very sincere person. Did his job very well and took it very serious. Unless they are involved with it, I don't think people have any idea what it takes to do what (league commissioners) do."

Larry Quirico, who began coaching baseball at El Cerrito in 1970, said Nules had a major

impact on his life.

"John was like an older brother to me," Quirico said. "He was my mentor, and he helped me throughout my coaching career. He helped me calm down a little when I began coaching. He was such a sweet man. He had a heart of gold."

Nules' funeral was held Thursday in Vallejo. He is survived by his wife, Kay, his two sons, Jimmy and George, and five grandchildren.

Staff writers Chae Bryson and Ricardo Sanchez Jr. contributed to this story.

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OW PLAYING

ALEX RIDER: OPERATION STORMBREAKER: Played by Alex Reid, young Alex Rider is to the "James Bond" series what George Clooney is to the James Bond series. The words you are searching for are "bond" and "forgettable." Directed by Anthony Horowitz's "Stormbreaker," the movie stars Alex as a pleasant sort of by his off-absent uncle (Greg Kinnear) and Jack Starmer (Alicia Silverstone), their uncle. After the uncle is bumped off, Alex uses all his martial arts and language skills to play secret agent. On the plus side for the "Alex" delivers plenty of action, it's borrowed, which is British "hipped off," from many other love movement. — B. Caine. Sequences of action violence (some peril) 1 hour, 33 minutes. D+

AMERICAN HARDWARE: This documentary explores the 1980-86 years of the American hardware store scene spawned primarily in suburban Southern California. Hard-core bands were at a rejection of early punk's political pretenses. Almost exclusively white and male, they renounced the elements of their own lives. A handful of veterans of the scene are interviewed, and some offer their memorabilia. The hardware scene was deliberately in tone and style, and the film makes it a challenge to watch. — S. Martelle. (R: pervasive drug, including sex and drug references.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B

THE DEPARTED: Martin Scorsese offers his tastiest picture in years. Adapted from the clever Hong Kong cop drama "Infernal Affairs," "The Departed" is a study of possibilities brought to life by a terrific ensemble including Leonardo DiCaprio, Jack Nicholson and Matt Damon. Bookended by a crude mob boss (Nicholson) since he was a boy, Matt Sullivan (Damon) joins a special Massachusetts police unit whose goal is to bring Costello down. The cops have their own code (DiCaprio) inside the kingpin's world. The picture is not pretty but it's compelling and, in many places, very funny. — B. Caine. (R: strong sexual violence, pervasive language, some sexual content and drug material.) 2 hours, 29 minutes. A-

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA: A wacky new assistant (Anne Hathaway) with unfortunate fashion sense gets dressed down royally by the wicked new boss (Meryl Streep). This charming bit of froth was primarily because of Streep. There's not a seam showing in her dress performance. — R. Myers. (R: some sensuality.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: Guys (Dane Cook and Dax Shepard) compete for a gorgeous lady (Jessica Simpson) who dates employees of the month. Except for standup comic Cook, who manages to come off as likeable enough, everyone else involved belongs in the unemployment line. — D. Germain. (PG-13: sexual and humor, language.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. D

THE GUARDIAN: Eager recruits to join the elite Coast Guard cutter Swimmers. If you're looking for something new in a story about swimming, don't hold your breath. The kid who is Jake Fisher, the nature kid with potential and desire to prove. Kevin Costner plays Ben Randall, his no-nonsense instructor. Despite the predictability, the picture differs from predecessors by sustaining its energy and bookending its clichés with exciting action sequences that give the harsh training. — B. Caine. (PG-13: intense sequences of action/peril, brief strong language and some sensuality.) 2 hours, 19 minutes. B

DIRTION GANG: Phil Joanou's is one of those based-on-a-story movies that seems to deserve reverence. But whatever the "Gridiron Gang" earns for its reputation, it loses in execution. "The Rock" Johnson stars John Porter, the counselor at a detention center, who tries to organize a football team with the kids skills as well as work, camaraderie and confidence. It's clear that Joanou and Porter would like their film to inspire and inspire a generation of youth. It's too bad they weren't enough to combine the real and the fantasy to achieve something startling and stimulating. — Anderson. (PG-13: startling sequences of violence, mature themes and language.) 2 hours, 19 minutes. B

THE GRUDGE 2: In this horror sequel, the origins of the evil that dwells within that dark, haunted themselves seem to have the ability to be everywhere. Audrey Davis (Amber Tamborini) is the plucky heroine in disguise (Sarah Michelle Gellar cameo appearance). At the time, bad things ensue for other characters in Tokyo. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: pervasive thematic material, disturbing images, terror, violence and sensuality.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C-

A GUIDE TO RECOGNIZING YOUR SAINTS: A loosely narrative film about growing up, told mostly through flashbacks to mid-'80s Queens, where Dito (Shia LaBeouf) is growing up on mean streets that are also, strangely, home. There's a rift involving both his father and his neighborhood pals, but what matters most is how evocative the film is on the topic of youth. The film also includes a framing device told in present day, with Robert Downey Jr. as Dito. He's good, as usual, but it's a contrivance we don't need. — M. Pols. (R: pervasive language, some violence, sexuality and drug use.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B

"HALF NELSON": Ryan Gosling is a teacher in a run down Brooklyn middle school. He knows how to inspire his students, but his own life is a disaster; he sneaks into a school bathroom to smoke crack. When one of his students (Shreeka Epps, watchful, wary and very good) catches him, a strange but real friendship springs up between them. In the end, we're not sure who's nurturing whom. Gosling gives such a naturalistic performance you find yourself still worrying about his character after the movie ends. — M. Pols. (R: drug content throughout, language and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. A-

"HOLLYWOODLAND": A fictionalized recounting of the death of TV's first Superman, George Reeves (Ben Affleck), said to be a suicide, but rich with the tantalizing loose ends conspiracy theories are woven from. Was it failure that felled him, or the older woman he'd lusted (Diane Lane)? When the focus is on Affleck's poignant portrayal of Reeves, all is well, but when we veer over to the Hollywood fiction, a parallel story of the detective (Adrien Brody) investigating his death, the movie feels contrived. — M. Pols. (R: language, some violence and sexual content.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B-

"THE ILLUSIONIST": Edward Norton plays a master magician in turn-of-the-century Vienna, and he's so good you almost believe he can make an orange tree grow from a seed in less than a minute. Jessica Biel is the noblewoman he loves, Rufus Sewell his arch nemesis, and Paul Giamatti is a detective but, more important, the only other actor on screen who can hold his own against Norton the Magnificent. Together, they elevate the material, which is good but not great. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B

"AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH": Al Gore's PowerPoint presentation on global warming sounds like it might be a snoozer, but it's actually a frightening wake-up call. Too bad the documentary focuses only on Gore, rarely opening the issue up for others to voice their support. — R. Myers. (PG: mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B

"INFAMOUS": No, you're not having a senior moment, there really is another movie about Truman Capote writing "In Cold Blood." This time the basis is George Plimpton's glibly oral history. Toby Jones is excellent as a more grating, snide Capote, which could be accurate (you'd have to ask someone who knew him) but is less compelling. Sandra Bullock's Harper Lee is softer and warmer than Catherine Keener's. But all this comparison indicates the world didn't need another Capote movie this soon, even if this one is not half-bad. — M. Pols. (R: language, violence and some sexuality.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B-

"JACKASS NUMBER TWO": The fellows (Johnny Knoxville, Steve-O, etc.) from "Jackass" are back with another freak show/proctological exam and would-be snuff film, designed to bring out the inner Stogie in all of us. It's all about bad taste and shocks and the extremes people will go to become famous. The film is grosser, more dangerous, more bloody and even less concerned with the things that make a "movie" than the original. — R. Moore. (R: extremely crude and dangerous stunts throughout, sexual content, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. D

"JESUS CAMP": Liberals (or folks who believe in the separation of church and state) will find this film alarming. Members of the religious right may find themselves saying "Amen!" "Jesus Camp" follows three Missouri youths to a Christian camp in North Dakota that serves as ROTC training for God's army. Employing a cinema verite style, the filmmakers do a remarkable job of presenting this polarizing material without editorializing. — R. Butler. (PG-13: some discussions of mature subject matter.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"JET LI'S FEARLESS": Jet Li plays Huo Yuanji, the most famous fighter in China in the early 1900s and a rallying point for a country floundering under foreign domination. Director Ronny Yu shapes the saga into a mythic coming-of-age tale wrapped in the trappings of an action movie. Although this story's theme of an arrogant fighter transformed by tragedy has driven previous films since the silents, Li's impassioned performance makes it captivating and poignant. — B. Caine. (PG-13: violence and martial arts action throughout.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. 1+

OPENING THIS WEEK

"DRIVING LESSONS" (PG-13): Bookish Ben (Rupert Grint of "Harry Potter" fame) is spending his summer vacation taking driving lessons from his mom (Laura Linney) and helping out at a retirement home. Things get much less boring when he starts working for an eccentric retired actress (Julie Walters).

"FLICKA" (PG): This remake of Mary O'Hara's treasured novel about a beautiful wild horse and the teenager trying to tame her, has been rewritten to make Flicka's owner a girl (Alison Lohman). With Tim McGraw and Maria Bello.

"LITTLE CHILDREN" (R): "In the Bedroom" director Todd Field's has adapted Tom Perrotta's lively novel about angst of all kinds — marital, professional, and the issue of personal safety — in the suburbs. With Kate Winslet and Jennifer Connelly.

"MARIE ANTOINETTE" (PG-13): Sofia Coppola's controversial new film about the 18th century iconic queen of France stars Kirsten Dunst as Marie Antoinette and Jason Schwartzman as her husband, Louis XVI.

"THE MOTEL" (NR): In this coming-of-age tale, a chubby 13-year-old

second-generation Chinese-American can dream of becoming a writer, but in the meantime he helps his mother run a fleabag hotel frequented by prostitutes and ne'er-do-wells.

"THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS" (PG): This rerelease of the 1993 animated classic about a pumpkin who tries to take over the Christmas holiday was written and produced by Tim Burton and directed by Henry Selick. New digital print in 3D.

"OLD JOY" (NR): Two old friends reunite for a weekend camping trip in Oregon's Cascade Range. One is about to become a father, the other lives a life of perpetual carefree adventure, and the increasing differences between them emerge during the trip.

"THE PRESTIGE" (PG-13): In turn-of-the-century London, two magicians (Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman) engage in an intense rivalry that lasts a lifetime. The supporting cast includes Michael Caine, Scarlett Johansson and David Bowie.

"RUNNING WITH SCISSORS" (R): In this film adaptation of Augusten Burroughs' best-selling memoir about his turbulent teenage years, Annette Bening plays his mother, Deirdre, who ships him off to live with her wacky psychiatrist (Brian Cox). Joseph Cross stars as Augusten.

"KEEPING MUM": This dark British comedy exudes the comfy familiarity of a vintage episode of "Alfred Hitchcock Presents." Maggie Smith, her tongue digging a hole in her cheek, is Grace Hawkins, a seemingly angelic old lady who materializes almost Mary Poppins-like in the English village of Little Wyallop. No sooner has she begun working as a housekeeper for the local vicar's (Rowan Atkinson) troubled family than she sets about solving their problems in her own special way. — S. Holden. (R: sexual situations and some strong language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND": This quintessentially enjoyable fiction film, based on the novel by Giles Foden, creates a portrait of famous and brutal Ugandan dictator Idi Amin from inside the palace walls. Fiercely paced with excellent performances by Forest Whitaker (Amin) and James McAvoy as the foolish Scotsman who becomes the leader's personal physician, the film has texture, if not depth, and enough intelligence to almost persuade you that it actually has something of note to say. — M. Dargis. (R: some strong violence and gruesome images, sexual content and language.) 2 hours. A-

"THE LAST KISS": Zach Braff is Michael, almost 30 and torn between a comely college student (Rachel Bilson), his drippy longtime girlfriend Jacinda Barrett — who is carrying his child — and his most cherished love of all, himself. We're encouraged to root just as hard for infidelity as for forgiveness, and the rapid switching of gears doesn't feel genuine or earned but rather motivated by who looks cutest at that moment. A remake of the Italian hit "L'Ultimo Bacio," a meaner and far more honest film. — M.

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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Showtimes for Friday October 20

Alameda County

Albany Twin
1115 Solano Ave., Albany 510-464-5980
•The Queen (PG-13) 1, 2, 3:30, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:20

AMC Bay Street 16
5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262
•The Departed (R) 11:55, 1:30, 2:40, 3:40, 4:45, 6:15, 7:25, 8:25, 9:25, 10:30
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50

•Flags of Our Fathers (R) 11:45, 1:15, 3, 4:30, 6:25, 7:40, 8:40, 10:10
•Flicka (PG) 11:40, 2, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
•The Guardian (PG-13) 12:15, 3:15, 6:30, 9:30
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 12, 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 1:45, 4:05, 6:45, 9:10
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 11:50, 1:40, 2:45, 4:15, 5:45, 7:10, 8:30, 10, 11
•Marie Antoinette (PG-13) 11:30, 1, 2:10, 3:55, 5, 7, 8, 9:55, 10:55
•Open Season (PG) 11:35, 2:15, 4:40, 6:50, 9
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 12:30, 3:05, 5:25, 7:50, 10:35

California Theatre
2113 Kittredge St., Berkeley 510-454-5880
•The Last King of Scotland (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:35
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:25
•Shortbus (Not Rated) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45

Chabot Cinema
2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-582-2555
•The Prestige (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:45

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-536-7300
•An Inconvenient Truth (PG) 6:45, 8:30

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-549-0530
•13 (Tzameet) (PG-13) 4:55, 8:55
•The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) 4:45, 7, 9:10
•Halli Nelson (R) 6:45

•The Illusionist (PG-13) 4:40, 9
•The U.S. vs. John Lennon (PG-13) 6:55

Renaissance Grand Lake
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3555
•The Departed (R) 12:20, 3:30, 7:10, 10
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55
•Open Season (PG) 12, 2, 4, 6, 7:45, 9:30
•The Prestige (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 9:45

Oaks Theatre
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
•The Guardian (PG-13) 4:45
•Hollywoodland (R) 7:45
•Keeping Mum (R) 5, 7:30

Parkway Speakeasy Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
•Halli Nelson (R) 9:45
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 7
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 6:30, 9:15

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-464-5980
•The Queen (PG-13) 12, 1:30, 2:30, 3:45, 4:45, 6, 7:15, 8:15, 9:25
•The Science of Sleep (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:35

Regal Jack London
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1220
•The Departed (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 10:15
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 12:40, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:45

•Man of the Year (PG-13) 1, 4:30, 7:15, 10
•Marie Antoinette (PG-13) 12:45, 3:40, 7, 9:40
•The Marine (PG-13) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
•Open Season (PG) 12:30, 2:40, 4:45, 6:50, 9
•The Prestige (PG-13) 1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10

Shattuck Cinemas
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•49 Up (Not Rated) 1:55, 5:50, 9:35
•American Hardcore (R) 2, 7:35, 10
•The Big Lebowski (R) 12
•The Departed (R) 1:45, 3:45, 5:50, 7, 8, 10, 9:35
•Driving Lessons (PG-13) 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 10:05
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 10:05
•Intimacy (R) 4:30
•Jesus Camp (PG-13) 4:40, 9:40
•Old Joy (Not Rated) 3:40, 5:45, 7:45, 9:50
•The Prestige (PG-13) 1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:45
•Science of Sleep (R) 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-466-1852
•Flags of Our Fathers (R) 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
•Flicka (PG) 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7, 9:30
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 1, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:15
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10, 8, 10:45
•Marie Antoinette (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:45
•The Marine (PG-13) 11:50, 2, 4:20, 6:45, 9:15
•Open Season (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:20, 9:45

United Artists Emery Bay
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-9107
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 11:40, 12:40, 2:10, 3:10, 4:45, 5:40, 7:10, 8:45, 10:25
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 12:50, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:30, 10
•The Marine (PG-13) 12, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:40
•One Night with the King (PG) 1, 4, 7:20, 10:10
•The Prestige (PG-13) 12:30, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30, 7, 7:40, 9:50, 10:30
•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 11:45, 12:45, 2, 3, 4:15, 5:20, 7, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15

Central Contra Costa

CineArts at Pleasant Hill
2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill 925-887-1109
•Driving Lessons (PG-13) 12, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 11:50, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10
•Infamous (R) 11:40, 9:40
•Keeping Mum (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:15
•The Last King of Scotland (R) 1:15, 7:05, 9:50
•The Queen (PG-13) 11:20, 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15

Contra Costa Stadium Cinemas
555 Center Avenue, Martinez 925-298-9980
•The Departed (R) 12:50, 3:50, 7, 9:50
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 12:40, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35
•The Grudge 2 12:55, 3, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50
•The Guardian (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:40
•Man of the Year 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:45
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•Open Season (PG) 12:40, 2:45, 5, 7:05, 9
•The Prestige (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40

Renaissance Orinda Theatre
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
•The Departed (R) 12:30, 4, 7:30
•Man of the Year (PG-13) 12:40, 2:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30
•The Prestige (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7, 9:40

Rheem All Stadium 4
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 2:50, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 2:20, 5, 7:40
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 5:10, 7:35, 10
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 5:10, 7:35, 10

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Moss Way, Richmond 510-759-2345
•The Departed (R) 11:35, 1:15, 3, 4:45, 6:15, 8:10, 9:35
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45
•Flicka (PG) 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50
•Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 4:15, 7:05
•The Grudge 2 (PG-13) 11:30, 12:40, 1:55, 3:05, 4:20, 5:30, 6:45, 7:55, 9:10, 10:20
•The Guardian (PG-13) 12:20, 3:40, 7, 10:05
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 1:10, 3:25, 5:45, 8, 10:15

•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 11:40, 2, 9:55
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•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:10, 8:05, 9:20, 10:10

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•The Departed (R) 11:45, 3:15, 6:45, 10
•Flags of Our Fathers (R) 10:50, 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20
•A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints (R) 11:30, 9:40
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:10
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Kabuki Cinema
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262
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Bridge Theatre
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-267-4893
•Last King of Scotland (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40

Castro Theatre
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
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2281 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•The Science of Sleep (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30
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1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•Driving Lessons (PG-13) 12:10, 2:25, 5, 7:35, 9:40
•The Queen (PG-13) 12, 12:20, 1, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4:50, 5:20, 6:10, 7:15, 7:50, 8:40, 9:50, 10:15
•Shortbus (NR) 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Lumiere Theatre
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
•American Hardcore (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25
•Jesus Camp (PG-13) 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
•Old Joy (Not Rated) 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:45

Opera Plaza Cinema
801 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893
•49 Up (Not Rated) 2:15, 5, 8
•Halli Nelson (R) 1:10, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20
•The Motel (Not Rated) 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
•The U.S. vs. John Lennon (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:30

Red Vic Movie House
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
•Waking Life (R) 7:15, 9:35

Roxie Film Center
3117 16th St., San Francisco 415-863-1087
•13 (Tzameet) (Not Rated) 7, 9
•Like Killing Flies (R) 6:15, 8, 9:35

AMC Loews Metreon 15
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6021
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 10:55, 1:45, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25
•Flicka (PG) 11:20, 11:20, 2:15, 2:15, 4:55, 4:55, 7:40, 10:10, 10:30, 11:10
•The Grudge 2 11:10, 2:10, 5:10, 8:35
•The Illusionist 11:35, 2:35, 5:35, 8:25, 11:35
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 1:40, 2:25, 5:25, 8, 10:55
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 1:50, 4:50, 11, 10
•The Last Kiss (R) 10:50, 7:55
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 1:15, 1:55, 4:45, 7:45, 10:10
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Events

COMEDY

■ **Pyramid Alehouse, Berkeley** — "Unfiltered Comedy with Oul Be Negroes," Ongoing. The San Francisco Improv Alliance presents this weekly evening of comedy, improv and theater. Thursdays, 8 p.m. \$10-\$15. www.improvalliance.org. "Unfiltered Comedy with SPFF," Ongoing. The San Francisco Improv Alliance presents this weekly evening of comedy, improv and theater. Sunday, 6 p.m. \$10-\$15. www.improvalliance.org. 901 Gilman St., Berkeley.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

■ **Cal Performances** — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted. Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Oct. 22, 3 p.m. Featured artist: Emanuel Ax, piano. An all-Mozart program. \$34-\$58. The English Concert, Oct. 29, 3 p.m. Violinist Andrew Manze conducting. The program will include works of Bach and Mozart. Manze will offer a "Sightlines" pre-concert talk at 2 p.m. \$30-\$52. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, 510-642-9988. www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Hertz Hall At The University Of California, Berkeley** — "The 54th Annual Noon Concert Series," through Oct. 29, 12:15-1 p.m. Oct. 25: Flutist Stacey Wallace and pianist Elizabeth Ho perform sonatas by Robert Muczynski, Walter Piston and Elton Birtwistle. Free. University Wind Ensemble, Oct. 29, 3 p.m. Robert Calonic and members of UC Berkeley's Young Musicians Program will conduct a program of works by Percy Grainger, Roger Clych, Charles Ives, Jonathan Elkus and Michael Santurra. \$4-\$12. UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley.

■ **Julia Morgan Center For The Arts**

— "Music in the Air," Oct. 22, 2 p.m. Alaine Rodin, soprano, and Mal-Lim Pham, piano, perform arias and lieder by Verdi, Puccini, Strauss and Rachmaninov. \$20-\$32. 2840 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542. www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Mathematical Sciences Research Institute** — Elizabeth Blumenstock, Oct. 23, 5:30 p.m. Violinist Elizabeth Blumenstock performs an all-Bach program titled "One is One and All Alone: Solo Music by Bach." Free. 510-642-0143. 17 Gauss Way, Centennial Drive and Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. www.mri.org.

■ **Mills College Music Department And The Center For Contemporary Music** — Concerts take place in the Concert Hall unless otherwise noted. "Dewey Piano Recital," Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Pianist Werner Bartschi will perform works of Chopin and Musorgsky. \$10-\$20. Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-430-2296. www.mills.edu.

■ **Oakland Opera Theater** — "Les Enfants Terribles," by Philip Glass, through Oct. 22. Based on the Jean Cocteau's 1929 novel of the same name, this production will be re-set in 1954 French Indo-China. The story focuses on a brother and sister who live in a fantasy world of their own imaginings. Isolated and severed from the outside world, the fantasies quickly transform from innocence to games of manipulation and personal destruction. Featured artists: Joohae Choi, soprano; Axel Van Chee, baritone; The Nguyen Dance Company. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$32-\$36. Oakland Metro, 201 Broadway, Oakland. 510-763-1146. www.oaklandopera.org.

■ **St. John's Presbyterian Church** — John Holloway, Violin, Oct. 21, 8 p.m. Holloway performs an all-Bach program titled "A Hecateus Ghost: Jo-

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Events

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Ongoing. Old-time and bluegrass. First and third Wednesdays of the month. Free. Caroline Chung Trio. Oct. 21, 9 p.m. \$3. Shows Wednesday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 510-841-1159, www.albatorpub.com.

Jazz Island — Linda Kollon. "As You're Living", Oct. 20, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Musical tribute to Oscar Brown Jr. \$5 to \$7 unless otherwise noted. 2120 Alston Berkeley, 510-841-JAZZ, www.jazzisland.com.

Wine & Jazz — JGB Featuring Melvin and Grapfruit Ed. Oct. 20, 9:30-11:30 p.m. \$15. DJ Edwin Presents. "Dancehall DJs", Oct. 22, 10 p.m. Dance lesson, \$7. "Dance lesson", Oct. 27, 9:30 p.m. Dance lesson with Nicky. \$11-\$13. "The Heartbeat of a Tour", Oct. 29, 8 p.m. Featuring Bridges, Keys of Creation and Musical Roots. \$10. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054, www.wineandjazz.com.

Irish Pub — Rock & Roll with Nicole. Ongoing. Saturday. All your favorites from the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. Free. Shows 10 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-7930, www.bucketsirishpub.com.

Performances — All performances in Zellerbach Hall unless otherwise noted. Wynton Marsalis Quintet. 26, 8 p.m. \$34-\$68.

Irish Pub — Chris Miller, Jesse DeNatale, through Oct. 20, 8 p.m. \$15-\$20. Peter Alsop, Oct. 21, 8 p.m. \$15-\$20. "Glass Half Full", Oct. 24, 8 p.m. \$15-\$20. With Laurie Lewis, Barbra Streisand, Jennifer Berzseny, Chris and Shellen Goble. \$19.50-\$20. Bob Frank and John Murry, 29, 8 p.m. \$15-\$20. Chuck Prophet, 30, 8 p.m. \$15-\$20. Reverend and the Death, Oct. 28, 8 p.m. \$15-\$20. Susan Werner, Oct. 29, 8 p.m. \$15-\$20. Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761, www.legionofsalvage.org.

Rock Theatre — Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. The Dandy Warhols. Oct. 27, 7:15 p.m. \$45-\$85. 1000 Broadway and Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-548-3010, www.concerts.com.

School — Sarah Cahill, Oct. 20, 8 p.m. The pianist presents a program of new work. \$10-\$20. \$12 unless otherwise noted. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2087 Shattuck St., Berkeley. 510-845-5373, www.sarahcahill.com.

Ball's Carnival — "Monday Legends Night." Ongoing. 8 p.m. Enjoy live blues music Monday night. Presented by Area Blues Society and Los Lohos Company. \$5 donation-\$22.77. www.area-blues-society.net. 522 2nd St., Jack London Square, Oakland.

Alta Cultural Center — Ojala de More, Oct. 20, 8 p.m. \$17. Cascada de Flores, Oct. 21, 8 p.m. \$13-\$15. "Flamenco Halé", Oct. 28, 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a thrilling fusion of Flamenco and music by Flamenco and evil and live dancing by La Fanny and Cruz. \$15. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568, www.alta.org.

Mount Theatre — The Auspicious Pink Floyd Show, Oct. 25, 8 p.m. \$42.50. The Rhythm & Blues Stars, Oct. 28, 8 p.m. Fee: Bobby Womack, Clarence Clemons, Denise LaSalle, Marvin Sease, and others. \$39.50-\$62.50. Broadway, Oakland. 510-465-4121-4497, www.para-theatre.com or www.ticketmas.com.

Shattuck Down Low — "Live Salsa." Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$5-\$10. Grease Traps, Raw Delouse, Oct. 20, 9 p.m. \$5. "Taste", Oct. 21, 9 p.m. DJs Mpenzi, Blu Douja, Ross Hogg. \$5 before 11:30. "King of Kings", Oct. 22, 8 p.m. DJs Common Sense and Smoke One. \$5-\$7. Aguillibre, Los Pingos, Oct. 27, 9 p.m. \$10. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1159, www.shattuckdownlow.com.

Starry Plough Pub — The Starry Irish Music Session led by Shay Black, Ongoing. Sundays, 8 p.m. Sliding scale. Tempest, Avalon Rising, Oct. 20, 9:30 p.m. Grand 58, Howdy! Second On End, Oct. 21, 9:30 p.m. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082, www.starryploughpub.com.

Yoshi's — Earl Klugh, through Oct. 22. Thursday-Saturday, 8 & 10 p.m.; Sunday, 7 & 9 p.m. \$22-\$26. Nguyen Le and Tiger's Tail Quartet, Oct. 23. \$10-\$18. Michele Rosewoman and Quintessence, Oct. 24. \$10-\$18. Kurt Rosenwinkel, Toninho Horta Group, Oct. 25 through Oct. 26. The Yellowjackets, Oct. 27 through Oct. 29. Friday-Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 7 and 9 p.m. \$22. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200, www.yoshis.com.

STAGE

Actors Ensemble Of Berkeley — "Hedda Gabler," by Henrik Ibsen, Oct. 20 through Nov. 18. Hedda is a spirited, independent young woman and the daughter of a general. She has married a stable, honest professor who just can't keep up with her imagination and tenacity. The story line at the turn of the century, the place of women in society, and the politics of the home. Friday-Saturday and Nov. 18, 6 p.m. \$12 general; \$10 students and seniors. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-5999, www.aefobberkeley.org.

Altarena Playhouse — "Merrily We Roll Along," by Stephen Sondheim, Oct. 20 through Nov. 12. The play focuses on Franklin Shepard, a wealthy film producer and songwriter who spends his time throwing parties in his Bel Air Mansion with his movie-star wife. Franklin's only problem is that somewhere along the way, he lost his ideals and his best friends. The play tells Franklin's story backwards in time, answering the question posed in the opening number: "How did you get there from here." Mr. Shepard. Post-show discussions on Oct. 22 and Oct. 29. Friday-Saturday,

8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$15-\$18. Janet Oliphant Rossmann and Carol Dechaine, Oct. 29, 7 p.m. Rossmann and Dechaine perform everything from Broadway classics to operatic arias. \$20. 1409 High St., Alameda. 510-523-1553, www.altarena.org.

Berkeley City Club — "Walking the Dead," through Oct. 29. Theatre Q presents Keith Curran's work about the tragic death of a transgendered person. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$18-\$20. 510-328-8197, www.theatreq.org. "Andromache," by Gary Graves, through Nov. 19. Graves new adaptation of Jean Racine's neoclassic about an unrequited love chain. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. \$9-\$25. 510-558-1381, www.centralworks.org. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre — "Berkeley Rep's Monthly Theatre Classes," through June 3, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The monthly theatre workshop family series will focus on a variety of skills, from storytelling to circus acts. Sept. 8, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6 and June 3. Free. "Mother Courage," Bertolt Brecht, through Oct. 22. David Haro's adaptation of Brecht's play about a religious war that tears apart the civilized world, killing both soldiers and civilians. The story focuses on a traveling peddler who shadows the destruction, selling supplies to whichever side needs them. Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. \$33-\$61. "Passing Strange," by Steve Haidt, through Oct. 25 through Dec. 3. A world premiere. The heart-felt and humorous story of a young black bohemian and his search for "the real" through sex, drugs and rock and roll. Post-play discussions will follow 8 p.m. performances on Nov. 9, Nov. 21 and Nov. 24. Docent presentations about the show will be held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. NO PERFORMANCES Nov. 23. No matinee performances Oct. 26, Oct. 4, Nov. 9, Nov. 18 and Nov. 23. \$33-\$61. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, 888-4BR-TIX, www.berkeleyrep.org.

Impact Theatre — "Colorado," by Peter Senn Nachtlied, through Oct. 28. A world premiere. When Tracy Ackhart, Miss Late Teen Colorado, mysteriously vanishes the day before the national pageant, her entire family enters a state of distress and turmoil. It would be easy to hold anyone of the family members responsible for the disappearance if they weren't so dependent on Tracy's success for their own happiness. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. \$10-\$15. La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid St., Berkeley. 510-484-4468, www.impacttheatre.com.

La Pena Cultural Center — "We Got Issues," Oct. 27, 8 p.m. The performance, based on more than 1,000 conversations with young women, shines light on some of today's most pressing issues. \$10-\$12. "Represent!" by Paul Flores, Oct. 29, 6 p.m. The friendship between Chicano spoken word artist Flores and Cuban rapper Julio Cardenas becomes a political issue when Julio defects while on tour in New York City. \$5-\$10. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568, www.lapena.org.

Accel Gallery — "Fiber 2006," through Nov. 4. The exhibit showcases the work of eight premier Bay Area Fiber artists. Featured artists: Anja Broenink, Jasmin Zorlu, Alexandra Von Burg, Karin Lusnak, Nina Shortridge, Donna Dugay, Deb Shattil and Marty Jonas. Free. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2527, www.accelgallery.com.

"The 20th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibit," through Oct. 29. The exhibit features paintings, sculpture, photographs, prints, textiles, ceramics, jewelry and glass works by 87 artists who live or work in Emeryville. At 5630 Bay St., Emeryville. Free. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 510-652-6122, www.EmeryvilleArts.org.

Esteban Sabar Gallery — "Solitude," through Nov. 1. An exhibit of oil paintings by Bernadette Vergara Sale. "Solo Show," through Nov. 1. An exhibit of mixed media paintings by Diego Rios. "Telling Stories," through Nov. 1. An exhibit of acrylic paintings by Liz Amiri-Holmes. Free. Monday and Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m. CLOSED TUESDAY AND THURSDAY. 480 23rd St., Oakland. 510-444-7411, www.estebansabar.com.

Gallery 555 — "Light Markers," through Nov. 10. An exhibit of innovative glass works by David Ruth. Free. Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; third Thursdays, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Oakland City Center, 555 12th St., Oakland.

Hall of Pioneers Gallery — "Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," Ongoing. Twelve showcases, each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community. Free. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland. 510-530-4590.

Kala Art Institute — "Kala Board Prize," Oct. 26 through Nov. 25. San Francisco Art Institute MFA graduate Sherri Martin's exhibit proposal was selected from a large group of applicants for this year's Kala Board Prize. Martin's installation uses a combination of delicate ink drawings and paper sculpture to suggest a magical forest panorama. Free. Tuesday-Friday, noon-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4:30 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-2977, www.kala.org.

La Pena Cultural Center — Cyndi Hidalgo-Kriles, through Oct. 29. An

exhibit of murals and paintings by the artist. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568, www.lapena.org.

Lawrence Hall of Science — Ongoing Exhibits — "NanoZone," ongoing. Discover the science of the super-small: nanotechnology. Through hands-on activities and games, explore this microworld and the scientific discoveries made in this area. "Forces That Shape the Bay," ongoing. A science park that shows and explains why the San Francisco Bay is the way it is, with information on water, erosion, plate tectonics and mountain building. You can ride earthquake simulators, set erosion in motion and look far out into the bay with a powerful telescope from 1,100 feet above sea level. The center of the exhibit is a waterfall that demonstrates how water flows from the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the Bay. Visitors can control where the water goes. There are also hands-on erosion tables, and a 40-foot-long, 6-foot-high, rock compression wall. "Real Astronomy Experience," ongoing. A new exhibit-in-development allowing visitors to use the tools that real astronomers use. Aim a telescope at a virtual sky and operate a remote-controlled telescope to measure and planet. "Biology Lab," ongoing. In the renovated Biology Lab visitors may hold and observe gentle animals. Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. "The Idea Lab," ongoing. Experiment with some of the basics of math, science and technology through hands-on activities and demonstrations of magnets, spinning and flying, puzzles and nanotechnology. "Math Around the World," ongoing. Play some of the world's most popular math games, such as Hex, Kalah, Game Sticks and Shongo Networks. "Math Rules," ongoing. Use simple and colorful objects to complete interesting challenges in math through predicting, sorting, comparing, weighing and counting.

Special Exhibit — "Kapla," Ongoing. The hands-on exhibit features thousands of versatile building blocks that can be used to build very large, high and stable structures and models of bridges, buildings, animals or anything else your mind can conceive. \$5.50-\$9.50; free for children ages 2 and under. Daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. University of California, Berkeley, Centennial Drive, Berkeley. 510-642-5132, www.lawrencehallscience.org.

Mama Buzz Cafi — "The Pelican of Baffin Island," through Oct. 27. An exhibit of new paintings by Zefrey Throwell. www.zefrey.com. Free unless otherwise noted. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. 2318 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-465-4073, www.mamabuzzcafe.com.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Center — "Civic Center Art Exhibition, 2006-2007," through June 15. The exhibit, featuring works by more than 20 artists, will be showcased throughout five floors of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Center. Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2180 Milvia St., Berkeley. 510-981-CITY, www.ci.berkeley.ca.us.

Oakland Asian Cultural Center — "Oakland's 19th-Century San Pablo Avenue Chinatown," Ongoing. A permanent exhibit of new findings about the rediscovered Chinatown on San Pablo Avenue. The exhibit aims to inform visitors about the upcoming archaeological work planned to explore the lives of early Chinese pioneers in the 1860s. Free. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Pacific Renaissance Plaza, 388 Ninth St., Suite 290, Oakland. 510-637-0455, www.oacc.org.

Oakland City Center — "Bay Area Landscapes from Trillium Press," through June 17. An exhibit of Bay Area landscapes created using a variety of printmaking techniques. Featured artists include Jessica Dunne, Kim Froshin, Gregory Lodos and Susan Hall. Daily, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. City Square Plaza, 500 12th St. at Clay Street, Oakland. www.oaklandcitycenter.com.

John de Barthe Schuermann Resident of El Cerrito
Died at home on October 8th 2006. Born and brought up on the East Coast, he graduated from the University of Delaware, and after serving in the army during the Korean War, pursued graduate studies in philosophy at Columbia University. He moved to the Bay Area in 1961 where he taught at Berkeley High School until his real estate interests demanded full time attention. He enjoyed tennis and other outdoor activities, traveled extensively with his wife, and was a frequent museum visitor and audience member of the symphony.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene Dunn; daughter, Anne Schuermann; stepsons, Jon, Ian, and Bryan Bindloss; and nephews, Marcus and Adam Schuermann. A private memorial ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 29th, 2006. Memorial contributions may be made to the Environmental Organization of your choice or to the UCSF Cardio Department at 400 Parnassus Ave., San Francisco, CA 94143.

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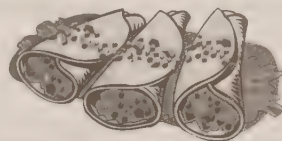
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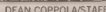
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J.B. ALDERMAN
On DVDs

Family fun with forest friends

"Over the Hedge"

Based on the appealing comic strip of the same name, "Hedge" is an enjoyable animated distraction that will generate laughs from you and your elementary school aged kids. Bruce Willis and Garry Shandling lend their voices to this cheeky tale of suburban sprawl run amok. Our heroes are a band of forest animals that awoken from hibernation to find their woods encroached upon by a massive new housing development that is ringed by a giant hedge. This is a cute movie, even though it will never be an enduring classic. If exposing your children to potty humor doesn't pose a problem, the DVD is appropriate for kids 3 and up. (PG: Crude humor). 1 hour and 23 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2 1/2 stars

Kids: 3

Teens: 1 1/2 stars

Adults: 2 1/2 stars

Seniors: 2 1/2 stars

Should you rent it? Yes -

Entertaining animated film the whole family can watch.

"The Break-Up"

First things fist: in the interests of full disclosure, you should know that my mother Jane has a role in this film, playing Vince Vaughn's mother (you can catch her in the family dinner scene). If I hated this DVD I probably wouldn't have reviewed it, in order to spare myself a lifetime of maternal grief. But the good news is I liked this film, and even with my admitted pro-mom bias, I think you will too. Vaughn and co-star Jennifer Aniston are a couple adrift in their relationship. They decide to call it off but continue living together in the same small Chicago condo. Vaughn is very funny and the film plays to his strengths, while Aniston does some of her best post-"Friends" work. An interesting added dimension (if you believe the tabloids) is that the release of "The Break-Up" coincides with the real life dissolution of Aniston and Vaughn's off-screen relationship. The humor and relationship dynamics will go over the heads of pre-teens, but anyone who has had a bad break-up will appreciate this comedy. (PG-13: Language and brief nudity). 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: N/A star

Teens: 3 1/2 stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 2 1/2 stars

Should you rent it? Yes -

Funny, at times poignant, look up at ending a relationship.

"The Lake House"

Another Chicago themed movie, with the major difference being this DVD is lousy. My wife hated it and every 5 minutes or so would turn to me on the couch and give me one of those looks that said "Why are you making me waste my time watching this movie?" She had a point. It does feel like this script was adapted from a third-rate romance novel and the limited acting range of "Speed" alumni Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock doesn't help. The crux of the movie is a long distance, time traveling love affair between Reeves and Bullock facilitated by a magic mailbox that allows them to correspond even though he is living in 2004 and she in 2006. Enough said. (PG: Language). 1 hour and 38 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 1 1/2 stars

Kids: 1/2 star

Teens: 2 stars

Adults: 1 1/2 stars

Seniors: 1 1/2 stars

Should you rent it? No - Un-

compelling time travel love story.

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TWIST & STOUT

Oktoberfest grander than pretzels and ale

By Jackie Burrell

STAFF WRITER

FOR NEARLY 200 years, Bavaria's capital city has hosted Oktoberfest, the beloved beer and sausage extravaganza that draws 6 million revelers a year and inspires imitations 'round the world. These days, you can hoist a bratwurst at Oktoberfests from Honolulu to Savannah. And the Bay Area's German festivities continue weeks after chilly autumn weather brings Munich's celebrations to an end.

Last week, the oompah bands and grilled bratwurst were at Alameda's Speisekammer, a cozy German restaurant that closes down Lincoln Avenue every year and turns it into an expansive Biergarten, with seating for 1,500.

Of course, you don't need accordions and tubas to host your own Oktoberfest at home, just a hefty dose of gemütlichkeit and a good source for bratwurst and weisswurst, the parsley-flecked veal sausage beloved by generations of Muncheners.

Germany's trademark gemütlichkeit — cozy warmth and friendliness — are key,

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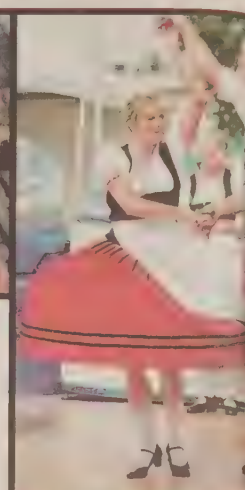
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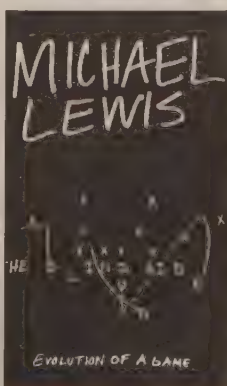
says Phil Hadley, Speisekammer's general manager. So is the food: Bavarian sausages, pork steaks, sauerkraut, marinated red cabbage, potato salad and those famous salt-encrusted Bretzen, which Speisekammer buys from Pure Grain, a German bakery in Vacaville.

Everyone's got a favorite potato salad recipe — and Americans are partial to what they call "Hot German Potato Salad," usually laced with hot bacon drippings. But most

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DIRNDLED WOMEN DANCE, lederhosen-clad men hoist beer steins and the intoxicating scent of grilled sausages wafts at Speisekammer German restaurant in



MICHAEL LEWIS, author of the best seller "Moneyball," about Oakland A's General Manager Billy Beane, examines the boundaries of race and class in his latest effort, "The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game."

Author of 'Moneyball' tackles football

■ Berkeley author examines boundaries of race and class in America

By Rick Jurgens

STAFF WRITER

THE BLIND SIDE: Evolution of a Game," Berkeley author Michael Lewis' new book about football, reaffirms his standing as a heavyweight reporter and storyteller. It shows that Lewis can use his elegant writing and eye for the irony and slapstick of daily life to tackle important social issues. And most of all, it's a hell of a story.

Lewis returns to a key theme of "Moneyball," his 2003 baseball best seller — how tradition and habit can hide the real value of people and things — and moves on to examine the boundaries of

NONFICTION

■ **TITLE:** "The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game"

■ **AUTHOR:** Michael Lewis

■ **PUBLISHER:** Norton

■ **PRICE:** \$24.95; **PAGES:** 288

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MICHAEL LEWIS' previous work is "Moneyball," a 2003 best seller about baseball.



race and class in America.

The book's title refers indirectly to the pivotal role of the quarterback in modern football. As the game unfolds, each play, "like a traffic accident, is all conjecture and fragments and partial views."

In the midst of chaos, the quarterback makes critical choices by executing a plan and

improvising.

Innovations by former San Francisco 49ers coach Bill Walsh heightened the quarterback's importance. Counter-measures on defense by Bill Parcells, a Walsh rival, deployed specialized quarterback killers operating outside the quarterback's line of vision — on his blind side.

Powerful surprise

Viewing Lewis, the a quarterback, it seems himself was blind-sided by story so powerful. I expected that only a pro wife alerted him to correction and follow it.

That story crashed life in the form of the inch, 350-pound teenager named Michael. That body was the craved by coaches of tional Football League tackle and protect the back's blind side.

Left tackles are in today's profession. The five most highly tackles in the NFL than the five most

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Section D

Porsche upgrades power of Boxster roadster for 2007

BY CONNIE KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

Porsche has infused its good-looking Level roadster with more power for The canvas-top Boxster is a more plastic driver.

Porsche's 2007 Boxster and Boxster S are capable for the new model year of horsepower and torque boosts, as is an engine technology used in the Carrera — VarioCam Plus. Porsche engineers explain that VarioCam Plus manages the camshaft and valve lift to optimize air output, which broadens the engine's torque curve and reduces emissions and improves fuel economy.

The base model Boxster two-passenger is fitted with a 2.7-liter horizontally opposed boxer six-cylinder engine produces 245 horsepower at 6,500 and 201 pounds-foot of torque from 4,000 to 6,000 rpm. The 2.7-liter Boxster starting price of \$45,600.

the more powerful Boxster S, with a price of \$55,500, has a 3.2-liter six-cylinder boxer engine that generates 295 horsepower at 6,250 rpm and 252 pounds of torque from 4,000 to 6,000 rpm.

transmissions are standard equipment, but new for 2007 is an updated Tiptronic S five-speed automatic transmission for \$3,210. In addition to automatic, the Tiptronic will allow for manual shifting with fingertip controls on the steering wheel. When matched up with the Sport Package (\$920), the shift times are aggressive, including more aggressive down-

The route I took is known as "Tail of the Dragon," popular mostly with motorists for its 318 switchbacks and challenging curves in 11 miles.

This route was ideal for accelerating, braking, tight turning, and upshifting



PORSCHE'S 2007 BOXSTER and Boxster S are more capable for the new model year due to horsepower and torque boosts.

MOTOR MATTERS

KEANE ON WHEELS

and downshifting. It takes steady nerves, quick hands and good pedal work to conquer the roadway's mountainous maneuvers with the demanding requirements for shifting, steering and pedal engagement. I discovered keeping the gear in third did the trick.

A notable quality characteristic feature on the 2007 Boxster is the comfortable ride. Unlike other two-seat roadsters, this rear-wheel drive vehicle does not have a jarring, harsh sports car ride. My passenger and I enjoyed a balanced, comfortable drive and did not suffer the driving fatigue brought on by road or engine vibrations. The automaker now offers the optional Porsche Active Suspension Management (first introduced on the 2005 911 Carrera), on this new Boxster for \$1,990.

The Boxster comes standard with 17-inch

PORSCHE BOXSTER

Vehicle Type	Two-passenger, rear-wheel drive roadster
Suggested Retail	\$45,600
Price As Tested	\$50,985
Engine Type	24-valve boxer six-cylinder w/SMPI
Horsepower	245 @ 6,500 rpm
Torque	201 @ 4,600-6,000 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed manual
Wheelbase	95 inches
Height	51 inches
Curb Weight	2,877 pounds
Fuel Capacity	17 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 23/32

wheels with Z-rated performance tires. Eighteen-inch wheels are mounted on the Boxster S and 19 inchers are optional on both models. This 2007 roadster is equipped with six airbags: two front, two seat-mounted for torso protection, and two door windowsill-mounted

Almost everything I needed to know about the Boxster's performance and handling prowess could be put to the test on the public roadways, with the exception of one key performance point: its off-the-mark-

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BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Willard: Most of today's vehicles have an oil monitor as part of the maintenance system. The oil life will be different under different driving conditions and miles driven. The maximum mileage interval using regular petroleum-based oil would be four months or 4,000 miles, whichever comes first. Driving and climate also play a big roll in oil life. I live in Boston, which is much different

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Chrysler is paving the way for U.S. import of Chinese cars

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

Newspapers have recently been reporting that DaimlerChrysler's negotiations with Chinese automaker Chery are gaining some traction in a joint venture to build cars in China for sale in the U.S. and other markets.

Chrysler started at last year's Shanghai Motor Show when a DaimlerChrysler executive from Germany, who was saying Chrysler was looking to bring a small car into the U.S. from China.

Chrysler executives in Auburn Hills, Mich., vehemently denied it, saying the U.S. market is too small to justify the cost of a new car. The U.S. market is too small to justify the cost of a new car.

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claimed the relief provided to GM and Ford put Chrysler at a disadvantage. The union didn't see it that way.

All bets are off now that the union won't negotiate with Chrysler, which doesn't seem to care if the UAW is ticked.

DaimlerChrysler seems to be preparing for the announcement that it will bring in a Chinese-built car. Chrysler Group President and CEO Tom LaSorda, at a recent meeting of the Automotive Press Association in Detroit, was asked if Chrysler needed the blessing of the UAW to bring in a Chinese-built small car. "No," he replied emphatically and unequivocally.

A few days later, newspapers reported DaimlerChrysler CEO Dieter Zetsche, who preceded LaSorda in the Chrysler job, let his anger show at the Paris Motor Show regarding the UAW's failure to negotiate health care costs.

Then came the news that negotiations with China automaker Chery were heating up. Chery is highly motivated. It has been looking for an avenue into the U.S. market. Chery is the company that signed a deal with former Yugo

Importer Malcolm Bricklin, a deal that seems to have quieted if not soured.

Chrysler, more than GM or even Ford, is desperate for a small car in the vein of the Honda Fit, Nissan Versa and Toyota Yaris. Chrysler's smallest car is the Caliber, considered a C-segment car by international standards whereas the import contenders are B cars. These smaller B cars are among the most popular size of cars internationally, and Chrysler has international aspirations. They also are becoming more popular in the U.S., especially when gas prices spike.

LaSorda reiterated that Chrysler absolutely couldn't produce a small car in the U.S. without a partner. At the Geneva show in March, Chrysler let it be known that it was looking for a partner to build something like the Dodge Hornet concept shown there.

The Dodge Hornet resembles Toyota's Scion xB in its boxiness, but is smaller and with distinctively bold American styling, a signature of the Dodge brand. It rides on unique architecture developed specifically for the concept and not used on any production model. While the exterior is small and slots into the B-segment, the interior is roomy, almost the size of the Dodge Caliber. Inside, the seats,

which fold for a flat load floor, are thin and space saving with the aluminum finish framing exposed.

Thomas Hausch, Chrysler Group executive director of international sales and marketing, said in an interview at the Frankfurt show last fall that Chrysler was talking to Volkswagen and BMW, among others, to possibly jointly build a small car. Chrysler already has partnerships with VW, for which it is building a minivan, and BMW, with which it builds engines in South America and is in a three-way hybrid development project with General Motors.

Chrysler officials have since denied it was talking with Volkswagen and BMW, and that it had never named potential partners, though LaSorda said much goodwill existed between Chrysler and VW. Similarly, LaSorda wouldn't confirm that Chrysler was talking to Chery, but said he wouldn't rule out a Chinese partner. He said Chrysler expected to announce a small-car partnership by year-end.

Chrysler may well be the first automaker to bring a Chinese-built car to the U.S. — thanks to "help" from the UAW.

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THE DODGE HORNET RESEMBLES Toyota's Scion xB in its boxiness, but is smaller and with distinctively bold American styling, a signature of the Dodge brand.

According to the California Highway Patrol, any child who weighs less than 60 pounds, and/or is less than 6 years old, must be placed in a child safety seat in the rear of the vehicle, except for two-seater cars.

SPARE PARTS

Nissan Sentra: The all-new 2007 Nissan Sentra starts at \$18,400 and ranges up to \$18,400. The Sentra receives a significant increase in interior space and an all-new 2.5-liter 4-cylinder engine. Air conditioning, power windows, and six speakers are standard. The Sentra is the widest array of pre-equipment ever — including appointed seating, intelligent keyless entry system, Bluetooth Free Phone System and pre-installed iPod dock. The Sentra is being spurred by two departments. The first is cleaner fuel, stations nationwide will have higher than 15 parts per million of up to 500 parts per million. The second development is the tougher vehicle emissions rules that the government is requiring. Automakers are seizing on the cleaner fuel and new vehicle regulations as a way to make diesel cars at least as common as today's gas-electric hybrids. *Source: USA Today.*

Revival at Volvo: Volvo is launching seven new or redesigned products within four years. The products include the redesigned C70,

launched earlier this year; the just-launched S80 flagship sedan; and the new C30 hatchback arriving next summer. Redesigns of the S60 sedan, V70 wagon and XC70 crossover should come in 2008 or 2009. A new crossover based on the S40 platform, called the XC50, also is expected in 2008 or 2009. *Source: Automotive News.*



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Desire for a convertible leads to 1962 Studebaker Lark Regal Deluxe

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

"For as long as I can remember, I have always wanted a convertible," Larry Merhaut says. "Circumstances, however, dictate the realities of life."

Far away from Merhaut's home in Martinsburg, W.Va., a couple in Grand Rapids, Mich., purchased a new Studebaker Lark Regal Deluxe convertible in 1962 that didn't have many accessories. It did have a radio, but was the least expensive model with no pre-set push buttons, a clock and white sidewall tires. Under the hood was a basic six-cylinder engine that delivered 112 horsepower mated to a three-speed manual transmission. The entire 3,075-pound package had a base price of \$2,589.

About six months after the car was purchased, the husband died and his widow didn't drive manual transmission cars. The few miles put on the car were when a young neighbor would drive her to go shopping or to her doctor. Eventually the neighbor purchased the Studebaker. During the short time he owned the car, he determined that the unremarkable six-cylinder engine had to be replaced by the more potent standard Studebaker 259-cubic-inch V8 that delivers 195 horsepower. If that engine had been in place when the car was new, the price would have jumped by \$235 up to \$2,734.

Eventually, in the early autumn of 1994, the second owner placed an ad offering the car with 34,000 miles for sale in the Studebaker Drivers' Club magazine, Turning Wheels.

CLASSIC CLASSICS

That was the exact time period in which Merhaut and his wife, Pat, were shopping for a convertible. They already owned a Studebaker coupe at the time so the progression to a convertible was a natural one. "The photo in the ad looked great and the price was affordable," Merhaut says. "We had friends living in nearby Muskegon, Mich., who agreed to go and take a look-see for us."

The subsequent report was most encouraging. Merhaut telephoned the seller and without negotiating a nickel on the price, said he would buy the car and he was on the way to Michigan.

Just before Thanksgiving in 1994 the Merhauts boarded a plane for Chicago and drove to Grand Rapids in a rented car, arriving just before dusk. "We were able to see the Lark and take her for a drive," he says. "It was love at first sight." The seller then had doubts about going through with the agreed-upon deal until Merhaut appeared to his moral side.

Merhaut then drove away in his 1962 Studebaker, following his wife to spend the night in a nearby motel. The next morning everything outside their room was cold and wet. They decided the destination of the first leg of the trip home would be Cleveland, Ohio.

"The Studebaker ran well, although the overdrive was not working, the driver's side windshield wiper

was useless and the speedometer was not working," Merhaut says. By late afternoon they had settled into lodging for the night.

The next day was as bright as the previous day had been dreary. That's where the good news ends. Merhaut decided to check the oil and that was a fortunate decision. The dipstick showed the oil level was 2 quarts low. "It turned out the rear seal was leaking," Merhaut says.

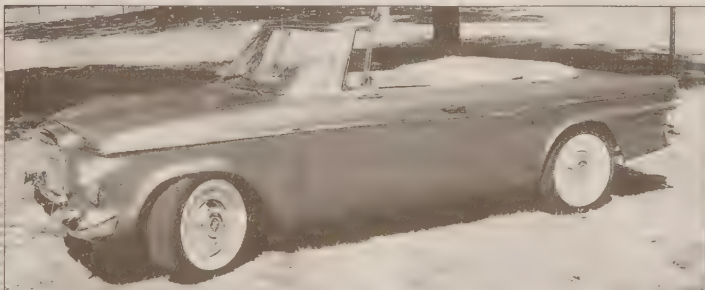
The adventure of bringing the car home is forever etched in the Merhauts' memories. "In spite of the fact that we were spraying oil all over the Ohio and Pennsylvania Turnpikes, that little Lark with its 259 cubic inch V8 just purred like a kitten all the way home," Merhaut says. The car burned 6 quarts of oil on the trip.

Both bumpers have been replaced and the trim around the beltline has been replated. When asked how tightly the top fits, Merhaut says, "of course it leaks." It leaked in 1962, so why shouldn't it leak now?

In 2003 the Merhauts joined a caravan of six other Studebakers and followed, as closely as they could, the old Route 66 to California. On that trip the car averaged 21.3 miles per gallon.

"It's a real driving car," Merhaut says of his car, now with 65,000 miles. "It's part of the family."

For your car to become the subject of the Classic Classics column, send a photo (frontal 3/4 view) plus brief details and phone number to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181. Only photos of good quality will be considered.



LARRY MERHAUT SAYS, "It was love at first sight," when he saw the Studebaker Lark Regal Deluxe convertible.

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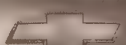
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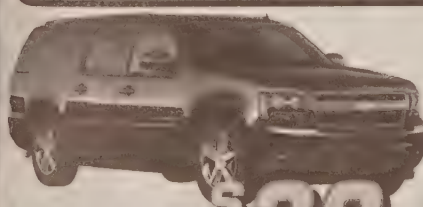
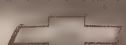
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Bonus Cash	\$3,145
Net Price	\$24,888

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Bonus Cash	\$2,000
Net Price	\$29,988

NET PRICE

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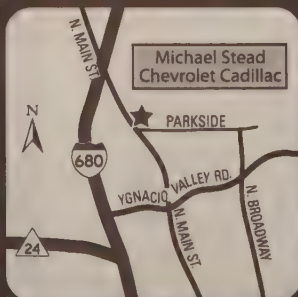
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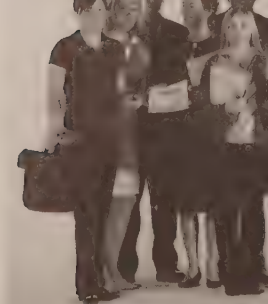
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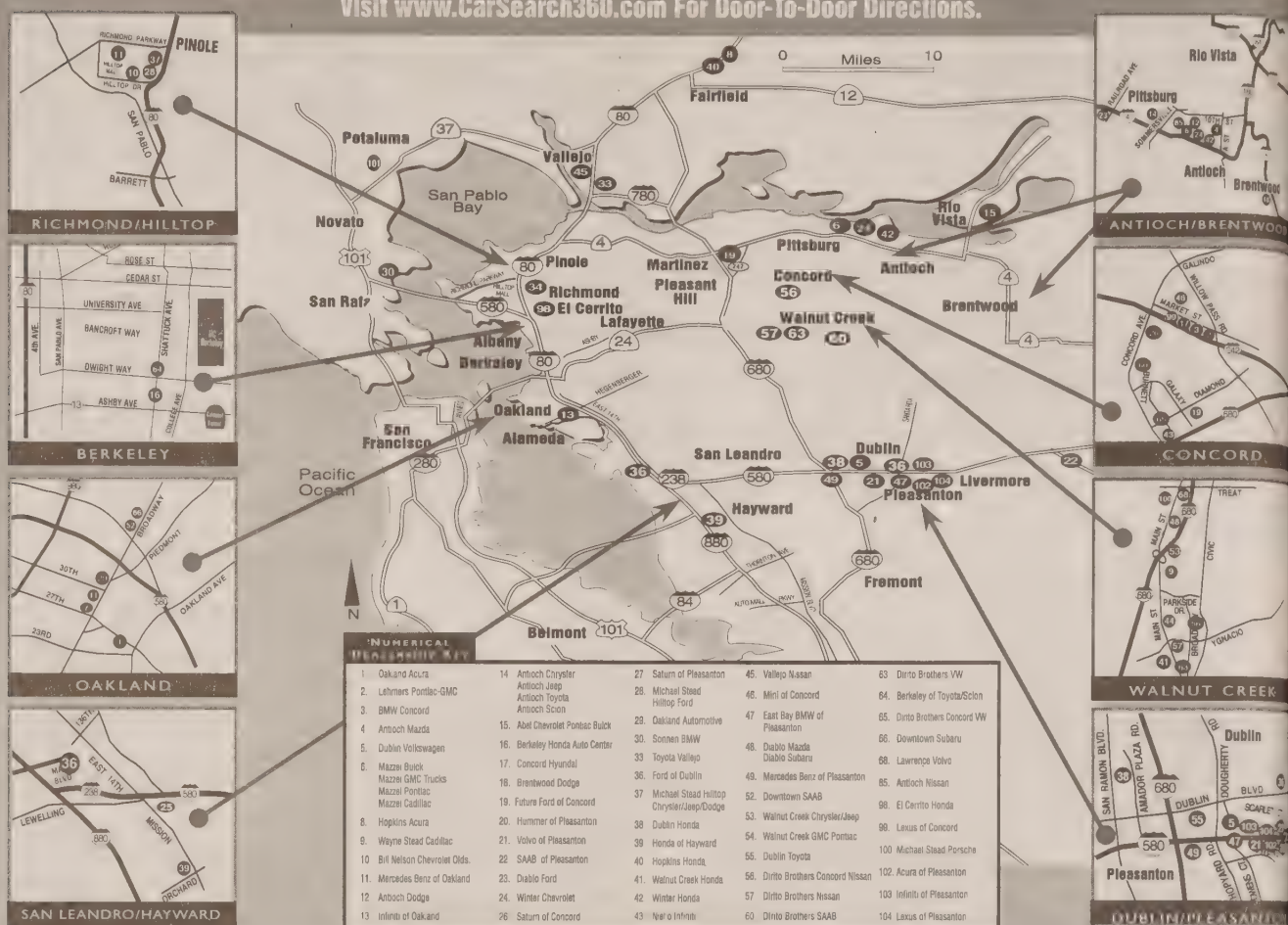
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PICK THE PERFECT ONE

Whether you visit a pumpkin patch or the grocery store, look for pumpkins that are large and ripe and have smooth surfaces and at least a two-inch stem. (Stemless, dented and bruised pumpkins may already be in decline.) If you plan to light your jack-o'-lantern with a candle, the pumpkin should be at least 9 inches high.

Also, lighter-colored pumpkins are easier to carve because they're softer.

CARVE IT WELL

Here's a pumpkin-carving primer from FamilyFun magazine:

Draw your design on the pumpkin with a water-based marker. Mistakes can be erased easily with a damp sponge.

■ Cut the lid at an angle so the outside diameter is larger than the inside. This prevents the top from falling into the pumpkin when it shrinks.

■ Serrated metal saws, now widely available in carving kits, are a safer alternative to knives and allow younger children to help. But remember, kids should carve only under adult supervision.

■ Scoop out seeds and stringy flesh with a large spoon or ice cream scoop.

■ Carve facial features closest to the center first and work outward. Use an X-Acto knife for details and the tip of a potato peeler to make small circles and curves.

■ If you accidentally remove a section, use a toothpick to pin it back in place.

■ Flatten a spot in the base of the pumpkin for the candle, but avoid digging too deep. If you do, the pumpkin is prone to rot.

Here are some tips if you're using a stencil design:

■ Attach the stencil to the face of the pumpkin with tape. You may have to make small slits in the pattern so it will wrap around the pumpkin.

■ Use a poker tool to transfer the design onto the pumpkin. Follow the design's lines, poking holes about one-eighth of an inch apart. Do not poke the holes all the way through the pumpkin, only through the outer skin. Be patient. Taking a little extra time now will save you headaches later on. Before you remove the stencil, check to make sure that you've made a complete dotted outline. After you remove it, save it for later reference. If the pattern is difficult to make out, rub flour over the holes.

■ Use a carving saw to cut along the dotted lines. Remember, this is a saw, not a knife. Saw up and down in a steady motion, following your pattern carefully. Start at the center of the design and work to the outside.

■ Always carve at a 90-degree angle, and keep your saw perpendicular to the pumpkin's surface.

KEEP IT FRESH

Carved jack-o'-lanterns are short-lived, so it's best to carve no earlier than a day or two before Halloween. (Or, carve early in the season for practice and then again later.) Seal in moisture by coating all cut surfaces with petroleum jelly or vegetable oil, or cover the pumpkin with a damp towel when not on display. Better yet, keep carved pumpkins in the fridge during the heat of the day. And bring them indoors on nights when the temperature may drop below freezing.

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USE PAINT

Consider giving young children stickers, tempera paint or markers to decorate their pumpkins. It's safer, and the pumpkins will last longer.

CONSIDER A FAKE

If you get sad watching your jack-o'-lantern morph into a hideous shrunken head, consider a synthetic pumpkin. Available at most craft stores, carvable polyurethane pumpkins look like the real thing (they even come in different shapes and sizes) but last for years. Candles are off-limits, though, so if you want it to glow, use electric lights.

TAKE A GREAT PHOTO

Tips from Chuck DeLaney, dean of the New York Institute of Photography:

■ Fill the frame with your jack-o'-lantern and keep the background simple.

■ To make the picture more meaningful, include the faces of family members. Get down low so you can see their faces over the top of the pumpkin.

■ To capture an eerie glow, shoot at twilight and turn your flash off. Use high-speed film or a fast setting on your digital camera. If you can, put your camera on a tripod or other steady surface to eliminate blur.

■ Don't light just one candle in the pumpkin. Two or three will produce a far better picture.

■ Want a really cool effect? Place the lighted jack-o'-lantern in a fireplace and make a small fire from a few sheets of newspaper behind it.

ROAST THE SEEDS

Wash pumpkin seeds and pat them dry. Combine with 1½ tablespoons melted margarine, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon garlic salt and 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce. Place in a shallow baking dish and bake at 275 degrees for one hour, stirring occasionally.

PLAY PUMPKIN GOLF

Carve a pumpkin, making the mouth extra large. Build a cardboard ramp from the ground to the bottom of the pumpkin's mouth. (Provide some support under the cardboard, such as books, and tape the ramp to the floor for stability.) Designate a starting point a few feet from the ramp and have players try to hit a golf ball into the pumpkin. Winner gets a piece of candy or some roasted pumpkin seeds.

GET MORE ONLINE

For lots more pumpkin games, recipes, virtual pumpkin carving and more, check out these Web sites:

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Animated comedy fun concludes Oakland Outdoor Cinema season

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OAKLAND — The third season of the Old Oakland Outdoor Cinema concludes on Saturday, Oct. 21, with a free screening of "Shrek." The film screening will take place on Ninth Street between Broadway and Washington beginning at dusk. Limited seating is available; filmgoers are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets. Free parking will be available at 8th and Washington streets. Movie goers are encouraged to enjoy dinner before the film at one of the many Old Oakland restaurants. For more information, call the Oakland Film Office at 510-238-4734 or visit www.filmokland.com.

Released in 2001, "Shrek" is an animated comedy featuring a reclusive, cantankerous ogre and his chatterbox donkey sidekick as they venture to save a fair princess from a tyrannical lord. The colorful computer animation is enlivened by the vocal talents of top comedic actors including Mike Myers (Shrek), Eddie Murphy (Donkey), Cameron Diaz (Princess Fiona) and John Lithgow (Lord Farquaad). The film won 28 awards including an Oscar for Best Animated Feature and the People's Choice Award for Favorite Motion Picture.

The public is invited to arrive in historic Old Oakland early and enjoy dinner at one of the districts many eateries. Cuisine varies from pub food and juicy steaks to Cajun seafood and regional Indian dishes. For more information on restaurants and cafes in Old Oakland, visit www.oldoakland.org.

The Old Oakland Outdoor Cinema series is presented by the City of Oakland in association with the Old Oakland Historic District Business Association.

Time to buy new dishes? Smaller may be smart

BY CAROLYN POIROT
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Size should matter to the brides of today, at least when it comes to picking out china and silverware for their future families.

Smaller bowls and serving spoons — and probably smaller dinner plates, like you see in antiques shops — may help prevent overeating and slow down the obesity epidemic, according to a Cornell University study.

Doubling the size of bowls offered at an ice cream social increased the amount of ice cream people served themselves by 31 percent, says Brian Wansink, a psychologist and professor of marketing at Cornell University. He used colleagues as guinea pigs for the study, published in the September issue of the "American Journal of Preventive Medicine." "We also saw that giving people a scoop that was a little bit larger increased things by about 14.5 percent," Wansink said in a telephone interview.

For the study, 85 food and nutrition experts were invited to celebrate a colleague's accomplishment at an ice cream social. Guests entered the party room in four groups, and researchers randomly handed out either 17-ounce or 34-ounce bowls and provided 2-ounce or 3-ounce serving scoops. Guests scooped out their own ice cream, then turned a blind corner into a party room, where each was asked to estimate the weight and calories in his bowl of ice cream. Each bowl was weighed.

Most of the participants were dietitians and nutritionists, people who are fairly able to judge calories and serving size, but that didn't keep them from taking more ice cream when they had larger

bowls and scoops, Wansink said. Four ounces of ice cream in a small bowl may appear to be an appropriate amount, but the same in a larger bowl may appear too little, leading one to overfill the bowl, the study concludes. And, all but three of the partygoers finished all the ice cream they put into their bowls.

"Big dishes and big spoons are big trouble," Wansink says. "They cause us to serve ourselves more because the food looks so small."

In recent years, extra-large portions, especially combination meals "up-sized" by fast-food restaurants, have gotten a big portion of the blame for the obesity epidemic. But nutritionists say most Americans have unrealistic ideas about proper portion sizes, and many people pile on too much food when they serve themselves at home, especially if they use big plates.

Wansink, director of the Food and Brand Lab at Cornell, tells the story of a friend who owns an antiques shop and who has customers who will pick up a plate from the 1940s and ask, "I really like this, but do you have any full-size dinner plates in the same pattern?" Customers also will bring up a small platter and ask, "Are there any more dinner plates that match this one?"

In another experiment, Wansink found that people who eat an average of nine pieces of candy in one workday — when the candy is sitting on their desks — will cut

back to four pieces when the candy is moved 6 feet away.

"It's something about awareness and effort — the little bit of effort it takes to walk over and get a piece that's 6 feet away, and the awareness it takes to decide to consciously walk over and get the candy," he says. The same dynamics will cause candy in a see-through container (even if it has a lid) to disappear more quickly than candy in a milk-glass (i.e., non-transparent) candy bowl with a lid.

Wansink has written a new book, "Mindless Eating: Why We Eat More Than We Think," that examines the effects of music, lighting, big packages, the variety of foods available at any one meal, dining companions, clever marketing and other things that influence how much, how fast and how healthfully we eat. It was published by Random House this month. He says a series of small changes in the eating environment can make a big difference in whether people overeat or not.

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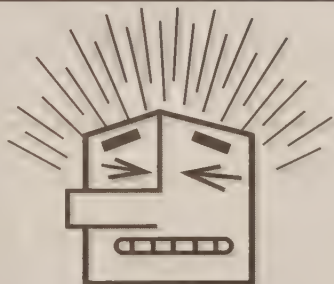
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Frightfully fun decorating trends for Halloween

The official start of the holiday season isn't until Thanksgiving, but before you know it, ghosts,oblins and creepy creatures big and small will descend on a neighborhood near you; and some of the places they plan to haunt will be all decked out! According to the National Retail Federation, Halloween is the second biggest decorating holiday of the year.

Want to make this the year your Halloween display takes the prize for "Best in the Neighborhood"? If so, you'll need to go way beyond the usual cobwebs and skeletons and keep up with the latest Halloween trends.

"This Halloween, voice and motion activated props for the home and yard will take the level of decorating to a new height of spookiness," says Kim Boyd, vice president of marketing for Johnson Company, publisher of the "Things You Never Knew Existed" catalog and www.thingsyouneverknew.com, the same company that brought us the whoopee cushions, rubber chickens, x-ray spectacles and joy buzzers.

Imagine the screams of delight as the trick-or-treaters who dare to come towards your house jump at their skins, spooked by the props you have set up. Position a pair of Lifelike Kicking Legs, upside down in a garbage can or popping out of the bushes. The realistic-looking legs flail about whenever there's a loud noise. Place a convenient-to-store Folded Wooden Coffin amongst the leaves to add an eerie effect. Set Mr. Brains Fogger on top of your front step and watch as fog comes out of his glowing brain.

Whether your theme is a haunted graveyard, monster house or something even more sinister, make your front door the focal point. Before the kids even get the chance to say, "Trick or treat," play a little trick on them. Have Dr. Shivers — a motion-activated mad scientist — greet them at the door. The six-foot-tall "man" dressed in a lab coat, white gloves and goggles, speaks and sings. He'll have the kids doing double takes," says Boyd. "Some may even think he's real until they see his eyes and beaker light up when his only turns his head."

Other popular Halloween props this year include our motion-acti-



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ated Stranger at the Door Knocker with hand and forearm that starts rapping at the door when someone approaches, and everyone loves this one — the Motion-Activated Eyeball which groans horribly and wiggles back and forth with lights flashing whenever someone comes near it," says Boyd.

For those who don't plan to go all out, but still want decorations

that will get people talking, put up a set of Eerie Window Covers. The posters, featuring a bright-eyed skeleton or a creepy cat will scare passersby. Interior house lights illuminate the posters for a totally haunting effect.

For more information, log on to www.thingsyouneverknew.com and click on the link that says "Scary Things & Halloween."

How does one get rid of ivy?

Q How does one get rid of ivy? Over the years it has been creeping in from a neighbor's yard. It seems like it has a life of its own, no matter how much we cut it back.

A Gardeners have a love/hate relationship with ivy. It's loved because it is fast growing, evergreen, has few pests and requires little maintenance. It is hated because it chokes out other plants, is constantly spreading and produces a thick mat of large diameter stems and roots. There is no simple answer to getting rid of established ivy.

Since this is intruding from another yard, the best you can hope for is to contain it at the fence or property line. It will continue to intrude until your neighbor decides otherwise. One other thing to keep in mind, it will require time and patience over several growing seasons. You'll have to use a herbicide to give yourself a fighting chance. There are no selective products for ivy, only non-selective weed killers. You'll need to be careful when applying these products as they will also damage or kill desirable plants.

Ivy that is climbing up tree trunks or through the canopy of shrubs will have to be removed by hand. If I were faced with this problem, I'd hire someone to



BUZZ BERTOLERO
The Dirt Gardener

scalp the ivy down to bare ground, remove all the ivy mixed in with the plants and haul away the debris. I'd wait until the flush of new growth has produced a green carpet of new leaves. With a tank sprayer, not a hose and sprayer, I'd apply Brush Killer. I prefer a tank sprayer as you can control the spray drift and you don't saturate the soil where the roots of desirable plants are. Now, it's a war of attrition with the repeat applications.

Buzz Bertolero is executive vice president of Navlet's Garden Centers and a California Certified Nursery Professional. His Web address is www.dirtgardener.com and you can send questions by email at dirtgardener@aol.com or to 360 Civic Drive, Suite D, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

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WALNUT CREEK — Do you hate the thought of handing out all those empty calories and artificial ingredients on Oct. 31, but don't want to be the person on the block passing out toothbrushes either? Are you a parent who grapples with the Halloween dilemma year after year? How do you limit consumption of junky candy without turning into a witch who keeps children from their rightful bounty? Dawn Van Hee, founder of the new online candy store Artisansweets.com, says not to worry — many healthier natural and organic treats have entered the marketplace. These great-tasting alternatives to standard Halloween fare are available at www.artisansweets.com, the largest online source of hard-to-find gourmet candies, confections, and varietal novelties from around the world. Van Hee's recommendations include:

■ **SunDrops:** All-natural M&M-style candies in plain and peanut varieties. Many people prefer these over the original brand.

■ **Glee Gum:** Did you know most chewing gum is made from plastic? Glee contains the traditional gum base from the chicle tree instead. Available in tangerine, cinnamon or peppermint.

■ **Yummy Earth Lollipops:** 100 percent organic. Be sure to try the pomegranate flavor.

■ **Endangered Species Milk Chocolate:** Made with ethically traded chocolate and available in bite-sized squares perfect for trick or treats.

■ **Planet Harmony Gummy Worms and Bears:** Taste every bit as good as standard gummies, but made with organic ingredients along with natural colors and flavors.

And don't forget the grown ups. Treat the adults to a gourmet candy tasting with the Gourmet Halloween Goody Bag, available exclusively at www.artisansweets.com. This unique assortment includes Montelmar honey nougat, vanilla and fig French caramels, pure honey mint patties, all-natural Glee Gum, real maple syrup hard candies, and organic Green and Black's chocolate bites in four flavors (Dark 70 percent, Milk, Mint, and spicy Maya Gold).

The Artisansweets.com Halloween collection includes a wide variety of holiday candy, goody bags, and trick-or-treat packs. Prices range from \$2.25 to \$20.



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Pop Rocks issues trick or treating safety tips

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ATLANTA, Ga. — Have your house be the favorite on the block this Halloween with Pop Rocks limited edition Spooky Orange Dips and Pumpkin Patch Orange. Acknowledging the potential dangers this spooky holiday can sometimes present, Pop Rocks has also issued 10 trick or treating safety tips for children to keep in mind as they trick or treat.

Ten tips for a safe and happy Halloween

- Always travel in small groups, accompanied by an adult if under the age of 12.
- Refrain from dressing up in very long costumes and oversized shoes, which can easily cause them to trip.
- Walk, do not run, from house to house.
- Travel only in familiar neighborhoods.
- Only stop at houses or apartment buildings that are well lit. Remain on the porch and never enter a person's house.
- Wear reflective tape on costumes and bags so they are visible to traffic and other trick-or-treaters.

■ Always walk on sidewalks. In neighborhoods with no sidewalks, always walk on the left side of the street, facing traffic.

■ Always cross streets as a group on established crosswalks.

■ Whenever possible, use make up instead of masks. Besides being uncomfortable, masks can obstruct a child's view of traffic, steps and holiday decorations.

■ Never eat candy before returning home and having a parent or responsible adult inspect it.

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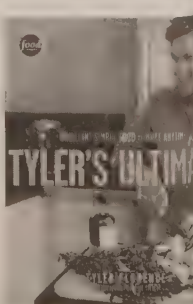
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Consumer Safeguards Protect Senior Homeowners

By David Chee,
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homeowners. "Most
don't realize that the
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Mortgage (HECM) was
created by Congress and the
Department of Urban
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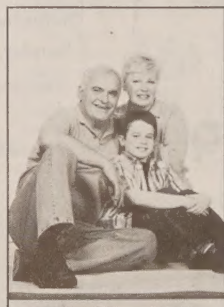
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Mr. Lonelyhearts: Tales from a former personal ads guy

BY NARA SCHOENBERG
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Mayor Richard Daley had his moments, granted, but there's a good argument to be made that, from 1998 to 2005, it was Michael Beaumier who was the most powerful man in Chicago.

If you needed a husband, a wife, a weekend fling or someone with whom to share your amorous response to Civil War re-enactments, your last best hope was the head of the personal ads department at the city's leading alternative newspaper, the Chicago Reader.

Singles turned to him with the most impossible of tasks: Help me craft the "I Saw You" ad that will locate the beautiful stranger that I glimpsed, ever so briefly, in a public place.

Newlyweds thanked him for supplying them with their soul mates.

Even pimps obeyed him when he told them to please take their business with the prostitutes placing ads for "adult services" outside the office.

Now Beaumier, 39, has told all — or as much as most readers are prepared to hear — in his new book, "I Know You're Out There: Private Longings, Public Humiliations and Other Tales From the Personals."

By turns sordid and sweet, this is the tale of Bill — names and some details have been changed — who placed at least 30 "I Saw You" ads, including three for three women he encountered on the same night, at the same place.

It's the story of Brad, who repeatedly placed racy ads for women, before abruptly "switching teams" and placing an ad for a man.

But it's also the story of Beaumier's own romantic disappointments with a long-term boyfriend with whom he eventually split, and

his dawning realization that he had something to learn from the personal-ads crowd's willingness to risk rejection, awkwardness and embarrassment.

"I went from watching the freak show (of people taking risks romantically) to finding myself in the freak show," Beaumier said in an interview with the Chicago Tribune at a downtown coffee shop.

"And I think it's much better to be in the freak show. ... I really enjoy being in the freak show. I can't say, 'Oh, every single day of it is wonderful! Dating is so much fun! It's always great!'"

"It's not. (But) I think that there's just this thing about being human where, even when you're disappointed or your heart is broken or you get frustrated or it seems like finding somebody is an impossible thing, there's just this part of us that compels you to keep looking until you find (love)."

"And I honestly believe that people find it."

Beaumier, now a New Yorker and a contributor to public radio's "This American Life," grew up in Grand Forks, N.D., the fourth of nine children of a homemaker and an orthopedic surgeon. He went to college at the University of Iowa and attended graduate school at Ohio State before he landed in Chicago as a freelance writer.

His reason for taking the Reader job, for which he was originally paid \$28,000, was partly practical.

"I really wanted to eat, and health insurance was this far-off dream," he says.

But he grew to appreciate his co-workers in the classified ads department and the "customers" who placed the ads.

"What was fun about that job was that everybody in Chicago would

come through the door. Anyone who wanted to sell a car, or get rid of their bridal gown, or rent an apartment, or look for a date, those people would show up at the door, every day, from the time they'd be open to the time they'd close," he says.

He was part editor — crafting singles ads from people's half-formed notions of who they were and what they were looking for in a partner — and part counselor, doling out encouragement and advice to the lovelorn.

When pimps tried to do business with the prostitutes placing ads in the "adult services" section — "Hey, baby, who's representing you?" — Beaumier saw it as his job to intercede.

"There were a lot of adult services providers — the women — who I really liked," he says.

"... I don't want to say it's admirable, because I don't want to sound like I'm endorsing a system that's not pleasant, but I respected the fact that they seemed really informed about the choice that they had made, and I didn't judge. I was never very judgmental about that kind of thing."

"But the pimps — I couldn't stand the pimps."

One of Beaumier's most important tasks was editing the popular "I Saw You" ads in which people attempted to find strangers they saw or met briefly, maybe at a bar or on a train.

The newspaper got 50 requests a day for those ads, of which about a third were chosen for publication.

"Because those were ads that could very easily work or very easily not work, depending on what was said, there was always a lot of care that was put in those," Beaumier says.

Beaumier would coax the rele-

vant information out of the ad-placers as best he could: "Was she wearing red? Was she wearing blue? Was she reading? Did she look at you?"

But even so, some of the ads worked a little too well.

"If the details were too neutral, you'd have 20 people calling saying, 'Oh, my God! I was on the Red Line this morning!'"

Beaumier, who left the Reader last year, unhappy with the lack of human interaction that followed the paper's switch to an Internet-based personal ad system, says that he has no way of knowing how many marriages he facilitated on the job.

But, during his tenure at the Reader, it was fairly common for people to meet him at parties and say, "I met my wife through the personals, but don't tell anybody here."

One new acquaintance even told him, "I cheated on my wife through the personals."

"I Know You're Out There" ends with Beaumier composing his own personal ad, one, he now says, that he never actually sent to a newspaper.

"So instead of placing an ad, I decided I would just embrace my total social (awkwardness) and go up to people and go, 'Hi, I'm Michael Beaumier, and I think you're really cute. Would you like to have coffee some time?'"

Although that strategy has yielded dates, Beaumier says he is still looking for that special someone.

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The newly-designed bikes feature characters from Disney/Pixar films Cars, Toy Story and The Incredibles, as well as the kids action/adventure series, Power Rangers.

"The new character bicycles bring an element of fantasy and play to the activity of biking," said Lori Heimerl, marketing manager, Pacific Cycle which distributes the Disney-branded boys' bikes. "With innovative three-dimensional designs and removable accessories like backpacks and water bottles, kids do more than just ride. They use their imaginations to interact and play with their bike."

Bicycles are available in 12- and 16-inch models. Tricycles, featuring characters from Disney/Pixar Cars, are also available. The bikes can be purchased at retailers such as Kmart, Toys "R" Us, Costco and Dick's Sporting Goods and retail for between \$39.99 and \$69.99.

Slendertone offers a way to supplement fitness

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Animal-themed gift ideas for the holidays

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The non-profit Humane Society of the United States has just launched an online store called "Humane Domain," offering animal-themed items and holiday gift ideas. These and other unusual items can be ordered at www.humanedomain.org.

The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's largest animal protection organization with more than 9.5 million members and constituents. The HSUS is a mainstream voice for animals, with active programs in companion animals, disaster preparedness and response, wildlife and habitat protection, marine mammals, animals in research, equine protection, and farm animal welfare. The HSUS protects all animals through education, investigation, litigation, legislation, advocacy and field work. The nonprofit organization is based in Washington and has field representatives and offices across the country. On the web at www.hsus.org.

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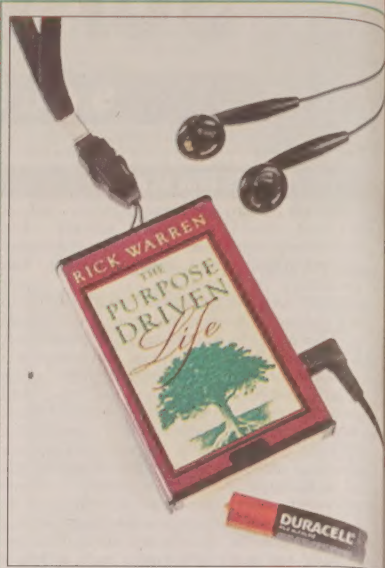
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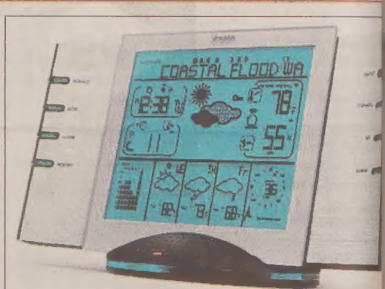
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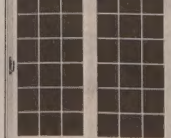
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